

THE TIMES Monday

After Lebanon? Menachem Begin has nothing to celebrate on the anniversary of Israel's war in Lebanon...

QE2 repair contract for Vosper

A contract for turbine repairs and refit work on the Conard liner QE2 is to go to British Shipbuilders' Vosper yard in Southampton.

Kabul to free French doctor

Afghanistan is freeing a French doctor captured in January while working there illegally and jailed for eight years.

Top police go

The director general of France's national police was dismissed and the Paris Police Prefect resigned.

Threat to gold

Rivers and reservoirs have fallen so low in eastern Transvaal because of the worst drought in 200 years...

Lesotho pact

The South African and Lesotho Foreign Ministers have agreed in Johannesburg on the need to repress cross-border guerrilla activity...

Protest ends

Another 213 people were arrested at the end of the four-day attempt to blockade the air base at Upper Heyford...

Farmers' fill

The European Commission is drawing up a huge supplementary budget to meet the soaring cost of supporting the common agricultural policy.

Tight finish

Matt Eaton of the United States moved into the lead in the Milk Race yesterday, but there are eight men within two minutes of him as the race moves into its final stage today.

The Times

We regret that, because of production difficulties, some editions of The Times today have appeared with a curtailed service of news.

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Thatcher aiming for quick Cabinet reshuffle

The Prime Minister plans Cabinet changes before June 22 if the Conservatives win on Thursday, but not all "wets" are to be excluded.

From Philip Webster, Birmingham

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is planning to reshuffle her Cabinet before the State Opening of Parliament on June 22 if the Conservatives win next week.

Her advisers do not expect a full-scale elimination of the so-called Cabinet "wets" even if the election results in a Conservative landslide.

A Bill containing the Government's latest proposals to reform the trade unions will be introduced in the first session of Parliament if the Conservatives are returned.

The party manifesto promised legislation on secret ballots to elect union executives or governing bodies and secret pre-strike ballots.

If the Conservatives are successful a busy first legislative session is certain. The Bills lost through the calling of the election will be immediately reintroduced.

The Prime Minister's personal security was intensified yesterday after a letter-bomb had exploded at Conservative Central Office.

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tion Bill and the Housing and Building Control Bill. A finance Bill to restore changes forced by Labour in the days before the dissolution...

Mr Denis Healey, deputy leader of the Labour Party, did not wait until the unemployment figures were published yesterday before accusing the Government of fiddling the figures.

Trade unions for Labour Victory: the pressure group set up to frustrate Mrs Margaret Thatcher's political ambitions...

Bill Keys, general secretary of the print union SOGAT '82, said that Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, could get a job as chief fiddler in the London Philharmonic after the unemployment statistics from the department yesterday.

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will retain its vote in the heartlands. Her campaign advisers believe that a heavy Conservative victory will result in a diminution of the left's influence with the Labour Party returning to its Gaitskillie traditions.

Labour governments had recently come to power on the back of a high Liberal vote. When Labour squeezed home in 1974, it had obtained fewer votes in 1977 when the Labour government was tottering.

It is believed that she does not regard the Alliance as likely to replace Labour as the main Opposition, feeling that Labour

They kept Labour in power last time, they refuse to promise they would not put Labour in power again. The truth is there is no way in which you can predict for sure the result of a so-called tactical vote.

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Jobless total drops as over-60s opt out

The number of people officially recorded as out of work dropped sharply by 121,000 to 3,049,351 last month. But more than half the fall resulted from Budget measures which have taken nearly 75,000 older men out of the jobless count.

The rest reflect the usual seasonal improvement as people find summer work in construction and tourism. Once those factors are taken into account the underlying trend of unemployment remains firmly upwards.

The Department of Employment said yesterday that 74,200 men aged 60 and over had opted by May to take advantage of new rules which mean they need not sign on at unemployment benefit offices simply to obtain national insurance credits.

As a result, the recorded number of adults jobless in Britain, fell by 51,000 last month to 2,970,100 after a decline of 4,600 in April, from 12.7 to 12.4 per cent of the workforce.

Without the rule changes, adjusted adult unemployment would have risen by 23,200 in May and 24,800 the month before.

The unemployment figures for June will contain yet another complication. Up to 40,000 men aged 60 plus will be able to claim the higher rate of supplementary benefit, in effect declaring themselves retired.

Oil price fears hit pound

Rumours of a fall in oil prices and a bout of election fitters among some foreign holders of sterling undermined the pound yesterday. At one stage it fell to \$1,553.00, a fall of 1.85 cents in the day.

The trade-weighted index, which measures the average strength of the pound against its main trading partners, fell 1.1 points to 85.7.

The recovery came after denials of earlier speculation that Nigeria had cut its oil price and that Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, had resigned.

Currency traders said that sterling had also been under pressure from foreign investors who took fright at the improvement in the Alliance's position in opinion polls.

There was also a feeling among City currency analysts that the weakness had encouraged speculators to take their profit.

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Campaign against left likely if Foot retires Hattersley leadership chance

By Clifford Longley

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Mr Hattersley was pulled into the innermost circles of the Labour Party campaign last weekend and given the key opening role in Labour's daily press conference. His task is to criticize briefly but as pungently as possible, Conservative policy on the chosen issue of the day and to set the scene for others to expound Labour policy on the same points.

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Militant Tendency. His campaign in Birmingham declined an offer of help from that direction. Asked about his known disagreements with Labour policy, such as withdrawal from the EEC, he has conspicuously refused to rock the boat saying that it was important to be loyal to democratic decisions even if he personally regretted them.

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Pilot's skill saves 23 in burning plane



An Air Canada DC9 airliner smoldering yesterday at the end of a runway at Cincinnati airport, Ohio, where it made an emergency landing after it caught fire in mid-flight.

Twenty-three passengers died in the accident on a scheduled flight from Dallas to Toronto. The 23 survivors owe their lives to their quick-thinking pilot, who brought his airliner down in minutes as smoke engulfed the cabin and the flight deck.

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One survivor, Mr Barry Flower, from Ottawa, said dense smoke filled the cabin as the airliner went into an emergency dive and the passengers began screaming.

Another survivor, Mr Raymond Chalifoux, a Montreal businessman, said: "It was unbearable - you used anything you could find to breathe through."

Of the 23 survivors, 16 were still in hospital yesterday but none of their injuries was regarded as serious. All five crewmembers survived.

Six die in school gun terror

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Six people, including three 12-year-old children, were killed when an armed man burst into a school near Frankfurt yesterday and started shooting as he tried to take a class and its teacher hostage.

The teacher and a police officer were killed before the unknown gunman apparently shot himself through the head.

The tragedy left 13 children seriously injured, at least five of them in a critical condition in hospital. Other pupils had to be treated for shock.

The attack on the 1,000-pupil Freiherr von Stein comprehensive school in Epsteinsteig took place at about 10.35 in the morning.

Two policemen giving road safety instruction in the school yard outside heard screaming. One rushed into the school while the other escorted the children outside to safety.

Following his colleague into the building the second policeman found him lying on the ground shot dead and the body of a teacher in the doorway of a classroom.

He found the dead and wounded children piled on top of each other in the class, with the body of the gunman.

Beside the man were two hand pistols, cartridge shells and round of ammunition.

The man was later identified as Karel Charva, a Czech aged 34, whose last address was Frankfurt. His motive was unknown.

Eye-witness accounts: Mark Friedrico aged 14, whose classroom overlooks the room where the shooting took place, said he thought he heard an explosion.

"We ran to the windows. They were open because of the sun. We could see bullets hitting the walls. Then a voice came over the public address system telling us to take cover and lock the classrooms," the boy said.

Herr Erich Weigl, the janitor, whose office is directly under the classroom, said he heard the shots as he was returning from an errand.

"I grabbed the keys from several classrooms, ran to the school yard, threw the keys (through open windows) to children in three classrooms and shouted: 'Lock yourselves in, lock yourselves in.'"

Survivor: A parent clutches his daughter after the shoot-out.

PLO claims Moscow still backs Arafat

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

In their effort to shore up Mr Yasser Arafat's still diminishing power within the Palestine Liberation Organization, his closest aides in Damascus yesterday sought to prove that the Soviet Union still gave its full support to Mr Arafat as the PLO leader.

PLO officials claimed that their chairman had received a letter from the PLO's office in Moscow, a bureau which has diplomatic status, which said that the Russians had "reiterated that they supported a unified PLO under the leadership of Chairman Arafat."

The missive allegedly hailed the PLO leader as "a symbol of resistance against plots not only designed to strike against Syria and the PLO but against the entire Arab nation."

Whether the letter represents Moscow's real views is questionable. The PLO produced the document on the very day that Mr Abu Iyad (Salah Khalaf), Mr Arafat's deputy was holding talks in the Soviet Union with a Russian parliamentarian.

The day before he left for Moscow, Mr Abu Iyad had severely criticized the PLO leader in an interview with a newspaper in the United Arab Emirates, referring to Mr Arafat's "non-attentiveness and neglect of collective leadership and of consultations."

More important than his words, however, is Mr Abu Iyad's absence from Lebanon. At the very moment that Mr Arafat is in greatest need of the moral support of his closest colleagues, only his military commander, Mr Abu Jihad, appears to be staying constantly by his side.

Mr Abu Iyad is aware that a compromise candidate may one day be needed for the PLO chairmanship, and it looks suspiciously as though he is now distancing himself from the Bekaa in order to hold himself in readiness for higher office.

Rocket attack: More arrests were feared in Israeli-occupied Lebanon yesterday after a rocket attack against an area held by Israeli forces.

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Clerical error halted smuggling of computers to Russia

By Stewart Teasler, Crime Reporter

A complex, well-organized plan to smuggle high technology worth up to £400,000 to Moscow, was uncovered through a simple clerical error on the dock at Dover, it has been disclosed. The error prompted a customs and Special Branch investigation which has disclosed that Britain may have been the transit point for several other undetected consignments to the Eastern block in the past few months. Another cargo is thought to have left Sheerness, Kent, concealed as car parts and a third may have been sent from Dover earlier this year.

The agency had no idea of the true nature of the cargo. It was acting for another shipping company near London which also had no idea of the true nature of the crates' contents. The Dover agency sent in papers but customs returned them because they were wrong set for the cargo's entry into the rest of the EEC. At this point a check started on the paperwork. The Dover firm had arranged for the crates to go to Schiphol airport in Holland. Papers from the London agency showed the cargo, simply listed as crates, was in fact going on to Moscow. Another set of documents from a packaging company showed the crates contained "typesetting equipment" destined for Moscow.

Customs officers asked for the invoice for the cargo. The papers were sent from London and gave the destination as the Maldives Islands in the Indian Ocean. Customs officers ordered the crates to be opened. Inside they found the computer equipment valued at £200,000 and not the other equipment listed at a value of £80,000. The customs investigators believe the computing equipment was brought in from Canada, the United States, West Germany and Northern Ireland. One set of middlemen are suspected of organizing the purchases which were gathered and packaged at Heathrow airport while another man, who lives outside Britain, dealt with Russian buyers. The shipment was organized by a company based in the Channel Islands. It would have been landed and picked up by Dutch handlers who understood the Russians would take over the consignment from them.

Secret talks on stiffer penalties

By John Lawless

The discovery that British computers were being shipped from Dover to the Soviet Union as "type setting equipment" was made last week, just as secret talks were being held to coordinate a western clamp down on illegal high technology exports to Eastern Europe. Three senior civil servants from the Foreign Office, the Department of Trade and Customs and excise met in Washington for five days of talks. They discussed the possibility of more severe sentences for those caught selling western secrets to Warsaw Pact countries, something which the United States will be pressing firmly on Europe and Japan. "Any individual who knowingly and willfully violates the US Export Administration Act can face up to 10 years' imprisonment, and a criminal fine (against individuals) of \$100,000 or five times the value of what is exported", Mr Ted Wu, a deputy assistant secretary in the Department of Commerce and director of the Office of Export Enforcement, told *The Times*. "For a corporate offender, the fine goes up to \$1m."

"I am not aware of any other country with a penalty that may be imposed of that type or that magnitude," Mr Wu said. American officials now consider that the adoption of such penalties by their allies is "a subject appropriate for discussion", he said. The maximum prison sentence in Britain for such an offence is two years, but fines are unlimited. Mr Wu was formerly the assistant US attorney in California, and appeared for the prosecution in the "Bruchhausen case" which concerned an American involved in shipping \$10m worth of computers and electronic equipment to Russia over a three year period. He was sentenced to five years in jail. A woman accomplice received a two-year sentence. The man who gave his name to the case was a West German, who is "still a fugitive from US justice", Mr Wu said. "We believe he is somewhere in Europe, maybe West Germany". Mr Wu's office has been working closely with the Department of Trade, British customs officials and specialists from the Foreign Office. "We hosted a visit by them last week to decide how we can improve that cooperation", he said.



Musical marathon: Katia Labèque (left) and her sister Marielle who will take part in today's six-hour Brahms chamber music marathon by international soloists at the Festival Hall, London. (Photograph: Brian Harris).

Whitehouse asks DPP to stop video documentary

By Kenneth Gosling

Further concern was expressed yesterday over the Independent Broadcasting Authority's decision to allow a Channel 4 documentary to be screened next week even though it shows scenes from video "tapes" ruled by two London courts to be obscene. Mrs Mary Whitehouse, who had asked the IBA to see the programme, *A Gentleman's Agreement*, has now asked the Director of Public Prosecutions to take legal action to prevent the screening next Wednesday. The DPP's office confirmed that it had received Mrs Whitehouse's letter. The two video films are *I Spit On Your Grave* and *SS Experiment Camp*, both ruled obscene by London courts last September.

Mrs Whitehouse said yesterday she had not herself viewed the scenes in the documentary made by the Broadcast production company. "It really would not have made the slightest difference," she said, "because I know very well what they are - we were responsible for bringing them before the courts." Channel 4 said it had acted responsibly over the documentary and had chosen the scenes with care. Police sources also expressed surprise yesterday that extracts from material ruled to be obscene would be shown on television.

Record request revealed mix-up over babies

By Ronald Faux

A radio request for a record to mark a golden wedding anniversary revealed the story of two babies who were given to the wrong mothers in a nursing home 47 years ago. A relative requesting the record for Mrs Margaret Wheeler and her husband, Charles, added a note about the unusual family circumstances. Mrs Wheeler shared a room in the Nottingham nursing home with Mrs Blanche Ryall in 1936. Each was given the other's baby by mistake but they kept in close touch and, when family likeness began to appear in each of the girls, they checked the nursing home records and learnt for certain the mistake that had been made.

"They decided to keep their 'daughters' and bring them up as their natural children," Mrs Wheeler, now aged 75, who lives in Cockerham, Cumbria said. "We never really kept it a secret in our family but the interest has been astonishing now the story is generally known. We have had television stations in America, Canada, Norway, Britain and newspapers from everywhere on the doorstep." Their family has gathered to celebrate their anniversary, including Peggie and Valerie, the two swapped "sisters", and Mrs Ryall, now aged 74, who lives in Nottingham.

Prisoner's remorse led to suicide

A prisoner who hanged himself in his cell while awaiting trial for the murder of his wife was shattered and full of remorse, an inquest in Winchester was told yesterday. In 10 suicide notes left by William Kennedy, he said he was taking his own life because of what he had done and for the sake of his son Aaron, aged 13. Kennedy, aged 36, had been on remand at Winchester prison since December last year awaiting trial at Oxford Crown Court for the murder of his wife Jennifer, aged 31, and the attempted murder of Mr Vincent Pashley, in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. Kennedy, who lived at Walter Bush Road, Chipping Norton, was found hanging with a sheet around his neck from the window and bars of his prison cell last March. Mr Tim Milligan, the central Hampshire Coroner, sitting with a jury at Winchester, was told yesterday that Kennedy had not been considered a suicide risk by prison authorities. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

Tarzan game boy killed

A boy aged 12 was killed in a freak accident after he and two others had been playing a Tarzan game yards from his home. Jason Mee and his two friends had attached a rope between a stone pillar and a plank in Station Terrace at Hucknall Notts on Thursday night. The police said the boy was killed instantly when the large stone fell on him as he was undoing the rope.

Poet's cottage

A seventeenth century cottage once owned by William Wordsworth the poet, was sold by auction yesterday for £72,000. The cottage in Patterdale in the Lake District was bought on behalf of a Wordsworth enthusiast.

Fagan gets probation for assault

Michael Fagan, the man who climbed into Buckingham Palace and reached the Queen's bedroom, was put on probation for three years yesterday for assaulting three policemen and using threatening behaviour. Fagan, aged 32, an unemployed painter, of Holloway Road, Holloway, north London, had appeared at Highbury Corner Magistrates' court for sentencing after having admitting the offences at an earlier hearing. Mr David Barr, the magistrate said after reading probation and medical reports that Fagan had been under enormous pressure.

Republic's shoppers in Ulster spree

From Richard Ford, Belfast

High prices in the Irish Republic have prompted an estimated 168,000 people from the Irish Republic to spend more than £10m in a spree in Northern Ireland since Christmas. People from as far away as Cork and Kerry are travelling hundreds of miles to shop in string of towns in Northern Ireland. The spending spree has caused businesses to boom in places like Newry, Co. Down, Londonderry, and Stranmillis, Co. Tyrone, but has brought despair and threatens to ruin traders in the republic's border towns. In the furious battle for business, traders in Drogheda, Co. Louth, put pressure on newspaper and commercial radio stations to stop advertising from businessmen in Northern Ireland but it has had little effect. Each weekend, roads across the border are busy with coaches, minibuses and cars packed with people and laden with goods bought in Northern Ireland, while Sunday markets selling everything from washing powder to televisions are crowded with bargain hunters who appear prepared to take the risk of being caught by customs officers.

At some bars in the republic, landlords have to wash for people bringing their own drinks. Gross expenditure by people from the Republic in Northern Ireland since Christmas is more than £20m, and 168,000 Irish adults have visited Northern Ireland, specifically to shop, making on average 2.9 trips and spending £45 a head. The scale of cross-border trade is revealed in an opinion poll conducted by Irish Marketing Surveys and published yesterday. It also reveals that 47 per cent oppose the holding of a referendum on the constitutional amendment banning abortion and that the popularity of the coalition government has slumped with only 19 per cent satisfied with its performance. Perhaps the surprise in the opinion poll is the continuing change in attitudes on the abortion issue, which has dominated the early months of Dr Garret FitzGerald's government. Only 33 per cent are in favour of holding the referendum and 20 per cent are undecided.

Dons seek Acas action

Dons at Stirling University have asked the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) to conciliate in a dispute over contracts for new posts. The lecturers fear that the university could become the first in Britain to do away with life tenure for all new academic appointments, and they are expected to announce further protest action on Monday. The dispute is over contracts being offered with three new posts funded by the University Grants Committee. Mr Iain MacFarlane, branch secretary of the Association of University Teachers, said: "These new posts are permanent positions and it is our view that, in line with the grants committee's own recommendation, they should be given the normal terms and conditions available to staff at Stirling. "But the university is prepared to offer only interim contracts for these new posts, and this does represent a change in appointments policy." The university, he said, was breaking an agreement to negotiate with the association in any changes in a lecturer's condition of service. Mr MacFarlane said: "The AUT is now in dispute with the university over its refusal to negotiate, under the agreed procedure, the contracts for arbitration by Acas."

Garden festival work on target

To turn a disused and derelict riverside site in the North-west of England to the North's leading horticulture event of 1984, with all the necessary ancillary services, no means especially as the construction work on site started on in January 1982. But the corporation is succeeding well in its objective. East Abercromby, the festival's commissioner, general reports that the construction work on the site is on schedule and is moving into its final year of preparation. The festival hall, a modern Crystal Palace, is being built as the centrepiece and the extensive landscaping programme is well advanced. The efforts of many organizations are co-ordinating the 125-acre site into an area of immense horticultural interest.

They include the Department of the Environment, Liverpool City Council, and Merseyside County Council, the Royal Horticultural Society, the Joint Council of Landscape Industries, the British Association of Landscape Industries, the Landscape Institute, the Horticultural Trades Association, the National Farmers' Union, various tourist authorities and a host of sponsors of some 40 theme or species gardens and 20 international gardens. In addition, participation by international governments and organizations is fast gathering momentum as Japan and America's associations indicate. The FGF Liverpool '84 will open next year from May 2 to October 14. It is expected to attract more than 3 million visitors.

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More ethnic candidates in the run but victory seems unlikely

By Nicholas Timmins

The ethnic minorities go into the June 9 election with more candidates standing for the three main parties than in all post-war general elections put together, and with the parties hunting the ethnic minority vote as never before.

Yet it is still unlikely that Britain will have its first black or Asian MP for over 50 years in the next Parliament, and doubtful that the impact of the ethnic minorities vote will be as great as either they, or some in the party machines, would like to think.

In all there are 17 ethnic minority candidates among the 1,899 put up by the main parties. The Conservatives have three, Labour six and the Alliance eight. Only Mr Paul Boateng, for Labour in Hertfordshire West, has a national majority in his favour on the new boundaries. It is one of only 200, and he has against him Labour's standing in the polls, the large increase in home ownership from subsidized sales of new town housing in the constituency, and the remains of a bitter controversy over how he was selected. That has led some local Labour Party activists to go to Birmingham to work for the man he defeated.

The theory that in these seats - anything from 20 to nearly 40, depending on whose calculations are used - the ethnic minorities effectively decide the result, is open to question, however.

For while the proportion of ethnic minorities in the population of such seats may be anything up to 43 per cent, their effect in votes is appreciably lower.

For a start, the age structure of the ethnic minority population, particularly among the Asians, is such that proportionately fewer are of voting age than among the white population. In addition there is considerable evidence that of those eligible to vote, fewer are actually on the register.

A recent Office of Population and Censuses and Surveys study suggested that only just over 70 per cent of the ethnic minorities are registered, against well over 90 per cent of whites. Against that, there is evidence that Asians in particular, once registered, tend to use their vote more than whites. A further limiting factor on the influence of the ethnic minorities is their overwhelming tendency to vote Labour. Dr Michel Le Lohé, senior lecturer

in politics at Bradford University says the chief effect of this is simply to make safer for Labour inner city seats which Labour would anyway expect to win.

A study carried out by the Commission for Racial Equality at the 1979 election showed that in 24 constituencies sampled, Labour received 90 per cent of the West Indian vote and 86 per cent of the Asian vote. The Conservatives gaining only 3 per cent and 8 per cent respectively.

Dr Le Lohé believes that the main influence of the ethnic minorities is to save seats for Labour when there is a big swing to the Conservatives. Thus, he says, it is likely that the ethnic minorities vote saved Labour two seats in Leicester, two in inner London and one in the West Midlands in 1979.

There are some signs that this pattern is beginning to change. The Conservatives are convinced that as they become more established, small shopkeepers and businessmen among the Asian community are natural Conservative material. The SDP and Liberals have also put appreciable effort into courting the ethnic vote and have put up more Asian and black candidates in seats with appreciable ethnic minorities than the other parties.

There is also increasing evidence of disillusion among black activists with the Labour Party, not least for its failure to select black candidates for safe seats. Three ethnic minority organizations, the Confederation of Indian Organisations, the West Indian Standing Conference and the Federation of Bangladeshi Organizations have for this election joined together to put up three candidates.

And while many young West Indians seem disillusioned with all the main parties, the Alliance may gain some votes as a result of suspicion of the Labour Party.



Mr Paul Boateng: National majority



Marchers crossing Western Avenue, Ealing yesterday. (Photograph: John Voos)

March may not reach rally target

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

As the People's March for Jobs continued through the outskirts of London yesterday, there were doubts whether the organizers would reach their unofficial 250,000 target for a mass rally tomorrow.

Union leaders are expressing fears that some activists may opt to stay in their constituencies to help in Labour's election battle instead of making the trek to Hyde Park.

If the demonstration turns out to be a public relations flop, it will have proved Mr Michael Foot right. When the march was being organized, he had considerable reservations about its timing. He pointed out that Mrs Margaret Thatcher might call an election and that would mean the Labour movement's resources would be stretched.

national organizing committee, still believes that there will be a "massive turnout" tomorrow and that it will be the biggest unemployment demonstration ever seen in Britain. But he agreed that many potential supporters might want to stay in their constituencies.

Leading the march as it passed over Western Avenue, Ealing, near the Hoover factory, Mr Alan Millington, aged 47, chief marshal for the West Midlands contingent, said "We on the march have not mentioned any figure."

"The election and the rally are not a contradiction in any way. They are both part of a campaign to make full employment the central political issue."

Mr Millington, a machinist on unpaid leave from a vehicle components factory in Wolverhampton, said that the march was not "pro-Labour as

such" and added that it would be "arrogance to tell people who to vote for".

"People must draw their own conclusions from each party's attitude to unemployment. As far as I'm concerned there is only one party which attempts to bring about full employment, and that is Labour."

He said that the march contained "young and old, black and white, employed and unemployed, trade unionists and non-trade unionists".

The demonstrators, clad in yellow and green jackets and T-shirts, were greeted yesterday by the usual mixture of emotional support, antagonism and apathy as they made for Southall.

Today Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, will give them a civic reception at County Hall.

THE ISSUES NORTHERN IRELAND Ulster's myriad parties

It is probably Britain's longest running problem but the issue of Northern Ireland does not figure as the highest on the minds of most British politicians. Most British politicians prefer it that way, although in the event of a hung Parliament they will be quick to look at the mass of Ulster's myriad political parties.

The Conservative pledge offering progress through the Assembly and a desire for close working relations with the Irish Republic was widely seen as a triumph for Mr James Prior over the Prime Minister, whose opposition to the Assembly is well known.

The Conservative manifesto does not say how the Assembly will develop and it pledges no change in Northern Ireland's constitutional position without the consent of the majority of people in the province. The Assembly is also backed by the SDP/Alliance who want devolved government to replace direct rule and an Anglo-Irish consultative body at parliamentary level with representation from all parties at Westminster, Belfast and Dublin.

Labour is the only mainland party pledged to Irish reunification by peaceful means and with consent. Its manifesto makes no mention of the Assembly, preferring the aim of establishing agreed devolved administration and until then continuing with direct rule.

The party is also pledged to repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act and to reform the no-jury Diplock courts.

The Official Unionists see "the only way" as being an end to direct rule, restoration of local government and amendment of the Northern Ireland Act of 1962 to bring about majority rule at Stormont.

Their rivals put much greater emphasis on keeping the Assembly working, building upon it to eventual restoration of devolution on British democratic lines.

On a return to majority rule both the Official and Democratic Unionists are at one, though the DUP wants to challenge the Government sooner than the DUP, which is content to work the committee stage of the Assembly.

Like the DUP, the Alliance Party fully supports the Assembly but wants devolution but recognizes that it can never come until it is exercised on a partnership basis between nationalist and Unionist.

The Social Democratic and Labour Party says no solution to the problem can be found internally and instead looks for a change in relationships within the Province, within Ireland and between Britain and Ireland.

The new Ireland Forum, which is to draw up a blueprint for a united Ireland, is the party's main manifesto pledge.

For the Workers Party a comprehensive Bill of Rights for the province would act as a basis for a return to a devolved government and supports the Assembly.

Provisional Sinn Féin with its "armalite and ballot box" approach to politics, rejects British rule, opposes the Assembly but wants devolution and it also defends the rights of Irish people to resist British occupation, campaigning for a democratic socialist republic free from foreign occupation and sectarianism.

Thatcher 'missed poll date'

From Richard Ford Belfast

Mr Enoch Powell has criticized as "inadequate" the Prime Minister's historical perception of the consequences of the Falkland crisis.

He said yesterday he would have advised Mrs Margaret Thatcher to hold a general election last October in the certainty that she would have won. Clearly surprised at the prospects of a landslide victory for his former party, Mr Powell said the Prime Minister was "not a person of wide views, either of the world or national". In this respect that old rascal [Harold Macmillan] compares well.

Mrs Thatcher, he said, had not seen the dimensions of the Falklands crisis and could have gone to the country within four months of victory. "Any government could have legitimately said to the nation in the latter part of 1982, 'Look, a big event has happened. There has been a major change in the whole national outlook and environment and we think it right to ensure that the general will is behind it.'"

He said that Mrs Thatcher, despite her opposition to other plans for a Northern Ireland assembly, has not exerted her authority to stop it.

Regional survey Revival and survival in West

By Craig Seton

A late revival in Alliance fortunes could produce sudden Conservative jitters in the south west. The Conservatives dominate the region, with certain notable exceptions, but traditionally the Liberals have provided the main opposition and their search for new seats could become more fruitful.

A number of seats are drawing nationwide attention. Dr David Owen is struggling for parliamentary survival in Plymouth, Devonport, while Mr Wedgwood Benn in new and marginal Bristol East is harnessing all his political resources in his most difficult electoral contest.

The Conservatives face stern challenges from a Liberal former chief constable in Teignbridge, Devon and a strong Liberal candidate in Yeovil, Somerset.

The Alliance is defending two seats in Devon and Cornwall. Mr David Penhaligon, for the Liberals in Truro seems confidently set to frustrate the Conservatives for another parliamentary session while in Devonport Dr Owen has a much tougher task for the SDP.

He may well lose to Labour or equally to the Conservatives who have shown strength throughout the campaign in spite of boundary changes which should aid Labour's Mr Julian Priestley in his attempt to recapture the seat. Plymouth.

Drake and Sutton remain secure for the Conservatives. In the far west Mr David Harris succeeded Sir John Nott to fight St Ives in Cornwall and looks an easy Conservative victor while Mr David Mudd can be expected to hold Falmouth and Camborne.

Cornwall, North, held by Mr John Pardoe for the Liberals until 1979, could now be causing the Conservatives some discomfort. Boundary changes have brought in over 10,000 electors from the Liberal-inclined Bodmin area and the Conservatives' belief that Mr Gerry Neale should double his majority to over 7,000 may turn out to have been optimistic.

Boundary changes have also affected South Hams in Devon, Cornwall South-East and Torridge in west Devon and while the Conservatives are almost certain to remain in charge their Liberal opponents can do some useful groundwork for later challenges.

Teignbridge, restructured largely from the safe Conservative seat of Totnes and part of Tiverton, is a key west country Liberal target. The tall, silver-haired form of Mr John Alderson, former chief constable of Devon and Cornwall, is one of the party's most attractive candidates and his campaigning has led to the opening of two more branch offices to cooe with offers of

help. Mr Patrick Nicholl, the young Conservative candidate, is wisely fighting the seat as a marginal.

Liberals still cast envious eyes on Devon, North, the parliamentary birthplace and their burial ground of Mr Jeremy Thorpe. There have been boundary changes but the four years since 1979 may not have been enough to erase memories of that Liberal defeat.

For the Conservatives, Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop in reformed Tiverton and Mr John Hannam in Exeter, together with Sir Peter Emery, safe in Honiton, will undoubtedly again take their places.

No such certainty surrounds Mr David Martin, the Conservative aspirant in Yeovil, where the Liberals have a strong candidate in Mr Paddy Ashdown.

In Bath bright young Mr Chris Patten for the Conservatives faces Mr Malcolm Dean, fresh from *The Guardian's* nursery of new Alliance candidates. Regional Conservatives believe the seat is much safer than some local party pessimists apparently admit.

The Bristol area campaign is still dominated by Mr Benn in Bristol, East. Much as Conservatives want to tip him out after 32 years as an MP in the city, many suspect he will narrowly chalk up his thirteenth parliamentary victory.

Candidates take out insurance

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

More than 800 candidates cross all the main political parties, including Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Mr James Callaghan, Mr Roy Jenkins and Mr David Steel, have taken out insurances against legal actions under the Representation of the People Act 1983.

The insurances policy was launched by Legal Benefits Ltd just after the election date was announced to provide protection for candidates against legal actions that can run to tens of thousands of pounds in costs.

For £25, candidates and their agents can be protected against election petitions, which are actions brought over what can be minor mistakes in election expenses; and for applications for relief, which candidates may make to protect themselves against an election petition when a mistake is spotted.

The policy was devised in the wake of the case of Mr Adrian Shide, a Liberal candidate in the local council election in Richmond in 1981. He and his agent faced a legal bill of almost £50,000 as a result of an action mounted by his Tory opponent over minor errors in election expenses.

Pym expects to stay Foreign Secretary

By Rodney Courton

Mr Francis Pym expects to continue as Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary in any Conservative government that is formed after the general election.

He acknowledges that there are differences of approach between himself and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, but says they have an "extremely good" working relationship.

There has been speculation that if the Conservatives are returned Mrs Thatcher would want to appoint someone else as Foreign Secretary. There have been one or two incidents in public which have made it appear that their relationship is strained.

That has led to Mr Pym being questioned on the matter by electors as he campaigns in his constituency of Cambridge-shire, South-east.

It is a standard part of his campaign speeches to praise Mrs Thatcher's "strong and courageous" leadership.

At one meeting he responded to a question by saying: "There are issues upon which Mrs Thatcher and I, and indeed many other members of the Cabinet, take different approaches and different views. How could it possibly be otherwise? It is not peculiar to me, but we have a very good working relationship as Mrs



Mr Francis Pym: Civilized dialogue

Thatcher herself would certainly tell you. And we have the recognition that different people do have different points of view.

"And I can only tell you that we have an extremely good working relationship."

Chelmsford lead

Mr Norman St John Stevens looks set to retain his seat at Chelmsford, Essex, despite a strong challenge from the Liberals, according to an opinion poll conducted for Anglia Television. He has 48 per cent of the vote, with Liberal candidate Mr Stuart Moly Liberal, on 43 per cent and Mr Clive Playford, Labour, on 9 per cent.

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE Bridgend

Neck-and-neck scenario

If it is true that the period of bitter ideological in-fighting has helped to damage Labour's chances of winning the election, then, by the same yardstick, the Conservative campaign in the new constituency of Bridgend should now be in tatters. For the Tory candidate, Mr Peter Hubbard-Miles, was endorsed only after a bitter, six week, constitutional and legal wrangle which reached the High Court.

His fight to secure the nomination after another man had been selected by the executive committee divided the party locally and led to the resignation of the president, chairman and agent, together with a number of other officials.

But Mr Hubbard-Miles, a prominent local politician, is confident he has emerged from the battlefield with his image enhanced. "People are now calling me the fighter and respect the stand I took."

He may be right for, although the ITN/BBC Guide to the New Parliamentary Constituencies says the Conservatives would require a swing of more than ten per cent to capture the seat, an intensive local opinion poll conducted last week showed the party has a one per cent lead over Labour.

That neck-and-neck scenario seems to indicate fairly accu-

1981 % Own Occ	New seat
68.2	68.2
1981 % Loc Auth	28.6
1981 % Black/Asian	28.6
1981 % Mid cl	17.3
1981 % Prof man	83,154
1982 electorate	109,100
1978 BSC/ITN national result: Lab	50/1,000

Key: % Owner Occ: proportion owning their own homes; % Loc auth: proportion of council tenants; % Black/Asian: Proportion from New Commonwealth or Pakistan; % Mid cl: Proportion of non-manual workers; % Prof man: Professors, higher managers, and independent farmers; BSC/ITN national result: Proportion of what result would have been in 1979 in new boundary constituencies by job; BSC/ITN study team.

rately the kind of constituency that has been formed, for it encompasses areas fiercely loyal to Labour, such as Pyle, and embraces cosy retirement communities, like Ognore-on-

On Monday, Keighley, Canningham North

Sea, where the Conservatives are strong.

Mr Hubbard-Miles will be concentrating his campaign on the need for Britain to remain in the Common Market, which he believes is vital to the continued success of the huge Ford plant and other factories

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE Southamton, Itchen

Personal loyalty under pressure

Mr Robert Mitchell, fighting for his political life in Southampton, Itchen, knows only too well the formidable party machine he has to defeat, he helped to create it, having held one or other seat in Southampton since 1966.

He left the Labour Party in 1981, finally disillusioned by its leftward tendencies, and now asks the electorate to endorse his decision.

In the Labour headquarters in the city they still talk of him as Bob, and maintain that he would certainly have been re-elected to defend the seat had he stayed, despite his differences with the Tribunal tone of the local party.

The utterly professional agent, Mr Richard Bates, is coordinating an utterly professional text-book campaign against his old friend. A full canvass of the constituency has identified the 1.8 per cent of hard-core Labour voters who say they will vote for Mitchell for reasons of personal loyalty. They will be canvassed a second time, and then, evas of poll, a third time.

Not a trick will be missed in this battle, and Mr Mitchell knows it, he is as tough as they come. The constituency is technically marginal anyway,

1981 % Own Occ	55.7
1981 % Loc Auth	30.2
1981 % Black/Asian	1.1
1981 % Mid cl	46.1
1981 % Prof man	12.2
1982 electorate	73,500
1978 % BSC/ITN national result: Lab	50/800

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General election Mitchell P.C. (Lab) 1,124; Bates P.C. (Lab) 20,254; Pender J. (L)

Mr Robert Mitchell: Tough as they come

for the misery of unemployment."

Mr Smart, a lecturer in the Commons is not going to make any difference. But a Nationalist member for Bridgend would frighten the Government, because London reacts positively when they see people seeking self-determination. The fact is that both main parties have a record of complete neglect for Wales.

If the opinion polls continue to point the way they do, then Bridgend has become a barometer constituency and what happens there is likely to be reflected in the rest of Britain.

late rally to the Alliance as June 9 approaches.

Out knocking on doors in all weathers, he detects more uncertainty than he has known before, and plenty of Labour people with deep problems about current Labour policy.

Mr Chope, who stands to profit handsomely from this occasion of the vote against him, is the leader of the Tories on Wandsworth council, and a darling of the privatization lobby.

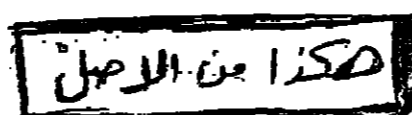
Having successfully lived off refuse collection, he was given an OBE in 1982, and is young (36), energetic, and ambitious.

He is telling the electors that Labour's defence cuts will cost local jobs; Mr Denham, in contrast, says the cancellation of Trident will release funds for a bigger conventional Navy, some of it likely to benefit Southampton shipyards.

The Conservatives' campaign machine is not quite as daunting as Labour's: Mr Chope admits that he has inherited records from some parts of the city which are patchy.

The Alliance machine is somewhat ad hoc, though on a good night it may have as many as 30 canvassers on the streets. Their progress is slower, however, precisely because many people want to discuss the issues on the doorstep

Clifford Longley



Marchais appeal succeeds

Afghans agree to release French doctor they jailed for 8 years

From Diana Geddes Paris

Dr Philippe Augoyard, the young French doctor who was captured by Soviet troops in Afghanistan last January and sentenced to eight years in prison, has been reprieved and will be expelled from Afghanistan within the next couple of days, the Afghan Charge D'Affaires in Paris announced yesterday.

Mr Hamid Nezam, Second Counselor at the Afghan Embassy, said that the intervention of M Georges Marchais, leader of the French Communist Party, had "played a decisive role" in the release of Dr Augoyard. At no time had the French Government submitted an official request for his release, Mr Nezam added.

Dr Augoyard's release was a "gesture of goodwill towards the French people". He said that the Russians had been in no way involved.



Dr Augoyard: Morale still high.

The French Foreign Ministry refused to make any direct comment on Mr Nezam's assertion, save to say that from the moment of Dr Augoyard's capture on January 10, the Government had taken repeated steps to try to secure his release.

M Pierre Augoyard, his father, expressed "enormous relief and happiness" on learning of his son's imminent release. He had received three letters since the arrest and his son had appeared to be keeping up his morale. He never gave any hint of having been maltreated.

Dr Augoyard, aged 30, went to Afghanistan last October on a six-month humanitarian mission as a member of the non-political French doctors' organization, Aide Médicale Internationale. He was captured by Soviet troops while working in the Logar region, south of Kabul, and accused of having entered the country illegally and of "collaborating with counter-revolutionary elements".

After a televised public trial in which Dr Augoyard "confessed" to his crimes, and admitted he had been "under the influence of imperialist countries' propaganda", he was sentenced by the Afghan court on March 13.

M Marchais, as president of the French Committee for Human Rights and Liberties, applied to the Afghan Government for Dr Augoyard's release. He received a reply on April 20 saying that the Government had reviewed his application "in a positive and favourable light".

Dr Augoyard was the first foreign doctor to be arrested in Afghanistan since the Soviet invasion in December, 1979.

Mr Nezam gave a warning that in future the Afghan government would "adopt a more severe attitude" towards doctors who tried to enter Afghanistan illegally. A month ago Sultan Ali Khasnaw, the Afghan Prime Minister, severely criticized the French doctors' mission, accusing them of using their medical activities to "hide other missions".

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Fatah mission to Moscow

PLO rift puts Russia on spot

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The Soviet is uncertain how to react to the split in Fatah, the main faction within the Palestine Liberation Organisation, according to Middle Eastern sources said a Fatah delegation, headed by Mr Salah Khalaf, had found that the Russians so far were reluctant to lend support to rebel PLO officers opposed to Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, and were inclined to support Mr Arafat, who has always received Soviet backing in the past. The Fatah delegation is holding talks with Soviet officials.

Mr Khalaf has been a staunch follower of Mr Arafat, although he recently expressed some concern over the "grivances" of rebel PLO officers, thus appearing to distance himself slightly from the PLO chairman. Mr Arafat faces growing opposition in PLO ranks in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon.

Sources said the Russians regarded the rebellion as a "temporary and regrettable phenomenon" which could only weaken the Palestinian movement and should be resolved swiftly.

Sources said the Russians were "very anxious about the possibility of a renewed conflict in the Middle East, and that Moscow had instructed Damascus to cut short manoeuvres by the Syrian armed forces a week ago in case they were seen as "provocative" by Israel. A high-level Syrian delegation is visiting Moscow at the same time as the Fatah group.

The sources said the Soviet Union was encouraging Syria to keep tensions high in the region, in order to avoid a "separate peace" which could take up where the Camp David agreement left off. The Russians wanted to ensure that they kept a foothold in the Middle East

through Syria. Moscow had also installed an air defence system in Syria and supplied it with new weapons to replace those knocked out by Israel during the invasion of Lebanon last summer.

The Russians none the less wanted to avoid an Israeli-Syrian clash, the sources said, since this would amount to a confrontation with the United States by proxy, and might lead to a further humiliation of Soviet arms.

The Soviet press has urged repeatedly, Israel "not to play with fire". Pravda said yesterday that Washington's aim was to use Israel to abolish PLO and establish firm American domination over the Middle East. Other papers urged the Arab nations to unite and reiterated the Soviet call for an international conference on the Palestinian question.

Things that go bump in the night

From Robert Fisk Beirut

In Beirut the natural reaction was to think it was a bomb. I woke to find the bedroom shaking violently, the entire fifth floor ruddling back and forth with ever-increasing violence. Then the back of the bed slammed into the wall and the alarm clock clattered off the shelf into my face.

It was five minutes past four and the house was still vibrating back and forth, as if it was made of jelly. I reached the balcony just in time to see an American Marine holding an automatic rifle trying to keep his balance underneath a palm tree, pivoting on one foot like a drunken dancer.

It lasted for just 18 seconds, though it felt like a minute. Downstairs the landlord - a canny Druze who through seven years of war has constantly testified to the strength of his green-shuttered apartment block - was already in the garden. There were dogs yelping in the street and two terrified cats perched on a tree blinking at the roadway. Fifteen more seconds of that, said the landlord, and the house would have come down.

"That" said the Marine - he was guarding the British Embassy next door - "was one hell of a tremor." It was 5.3 on the Richter scale to be exact, enough to bring down houses all over Beirut - though God, the landlord pointed out with something approaching cynicism, probably thought the city had had enough destruction for the time being. In 1956 a quake had levelled the hill villages of Chouf. Back in the Eighteenth Century, a massive tremor toppled three of the giant columns of the Roman Temple of Jupiter in Baalbek.

The earthquake yesterday was in the Bekaa - where the Syrian and Israeli armies still face each other along the floor of the valley - although buildings swayed menacingly in Damascus and northern Israel. In Beirut thousands of people were on the streets in a minute. The local taxi driver swore that he ran from his home stark-ravaged and sought modest sanctuary beneath a rug in his limousine.

Crammed with babies and grandmothers, cars quickly lined the sea-front corniche, their occupants staring at the city's skyline as they slipped the coffee which Beirut's street vendors - never men to miss a quick fix in time of trouble - were hawking within the hour.

My landlord was the only one to take a scientific view of the whole affair. "The British Embassy is so unsafe, it will fall down first," he said, giggling with delight at his legitimacy. "When you see that movement, the only time you have to leave the house." He offered coffee, but we drank it in the garden.

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Down and out: Curro Vázquez, fighting his last bull at the San Isidro fair in Madrid, being gored in his right thigh (above). Doctors giving him first aid (below) said the horn penetrated 9in. His condition is critical.

Tourists hit in Spanish bank blasts

Malaga (Reuters) - Three tourists were slightly injured when bombs exploded outside banks in the Spanish Mediterranean resorts of Marbella and Fuengirola.

They were identified as Donna Higgins and Allan O'Brien, from Ireland, and Peter Church, from Scotland. Police said they were treated in hospital for face wounds.

Nobody claimed responsibility immediately but banks which refuse to pay "revolutionary taxes" to ETA, the Basque separatist movement, have been frequent targets of bomb attacks.

Iraq bombs two merchant ships

Iraqi aircraft have seriously damaged two merchant ships in a bombing raid near the southern Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini. Lloyd's shipping intelligence said in London yesterday. Reuters reports.

The 10,136-ton Indian bulk carrier APJ Prita sustained a direct hit in the attack on Tuesday. It was set ablaze and its engine room damaged, but all 45 crew were unhurt and evacuated from the ship. The other ship, which also received a direct hit, was not identified.

Rower rides reef gale

Melbourne - Mr Peter Bird, the London photographer attempting the first solo row across the Pacific from the Americas to Australia, is about 340 miles (east-north-east) of Cairns, Queensland, riding out what he called a "hellish" force-nine gale north of Lillo Reef. Tony Dubouin writes.

In a radio message he put his exact position as 15.892 South, 151.729 East, within 10 to 14 days of achieving his goal.

Thai sentenced

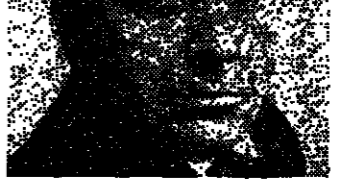
Bangkok (AFP) - A Thai policeman, Master Sergeant Amornrak, accused with others of firing anti-tank rockets last July at the motorcade of Mr Prem Tinsulanonda, Prime Minister, was sentenced by a military court to 50 years' jail for attempted assassination. The court later cut the sentence by half.

Under the lash

Cape Town (AFP) - A total of 40,253 South Africans were sentenced to corporal punishment using a whip or cane last year, Mr Koebie Coetsee, the Justice Minister told Parliament. The figure excludes people sentenced to lashing by the *Magholas*, the illegal but tolerated vigilantes who police the black townships.

Star questioned

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Rossano Brazzi, the film actor, who was questioned yesterday by a magistrate investigating in Trento, north Italy, a big international drugs-for-arms ring, our Rome Correspondent writes.

Police chief out

Nairobi - Mr Ben Gethi, the former Kenyan Police Commissioner, was among the 22 detainees released this week by President Moi. He had been held since last August, when members of the Kenya Air Force staged an unsuccessful coup attempt.

Band remanded

Helsinki (AP) - The hearing of assault charges against the British reggae group Amatu was adjourned until August 4 by the city court of Mariehamn on the Åland Islands.

Touch and go

Vienna (Reuters) - A light aircraft with engine trouble made an emergency landing on a motorway between Vienna and Salzburg. After repairs by Austria's Automobile Club it took off.

Lesotho border deal by Botha

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa and the small, mountainous kingdom of Lesotho, which is entirely surrounded by the republic, agreed yesterday on the need to curb cross-border guerrilla activity and to try putting their relations on a more amicable footing.

Emerging unsmiling from a meeting of just under two hours in a Johannesburg hotel, Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, said relations had reached "the lowest point in our history". His Lesotho counterpart, Mr E. R. Sekhonyana, did not disagree.

The meeting came after nearly two weeks of rigorous South African security checks on roads leading into Lesotho, which have disrupted the commercial life of the kingdom and delayed deliveries of food and other essential supplies. The checks were seen as a blunt reminder to Lesotho of its

heavy economic dependence on South Africa.

The security operation began soon after the May 20 car bomb explosion in Pretoria which killed 19 people and injured more than 200 others. The checks were further tightened after a bomb explosion in Bloemfontein, the Orange Free State capital, about a week later which damaged cars and property but caused no human casualties.

The underground African National Congress claimed responsibility for the Pretoria blast, which it said was aimed at the headquarters of the South African Air Force. But the ANC denied having planned the Bloemfontein bomb, which it claimed was the work of South African agents.

South Africa, the ANC countered, wanted a pretext to put further pressure on Lesotho

to close its borders to ANC refugees. Last December South African commandos killed 42 people in a pre-dawn raid on Maseru, the Lesotho capital. About 30 were ANC members, the rest were Lesotho civilians.

In a brief statement on yesterday's meeting, Mr Botha said: "We agreed it was of decisive importance that no elements of subversion against each other should be allowed." This apparently implied a reciprocal pledge by South Africa not to allow its territory to be used for guerrilla attacks on Lesotho.

Lesotho has long complained that South Africa is aiding the Lesotho Liberation Army, the shadowy guerrilla army of Mr Ntso Mokhele, a bitter political foe of Chief Leabua Jonathan, the Lesotho Prime Minister.

Sakharov family plead for Germany's help

From Michael Binyon Bonn

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, received Dr Andrei Sakharov's step-daughter and her husband yesterday and assured them that the German Government would do all it could to secure the release of the dissident scientist from internal exile in Gorky.

Mr Ephrem Yankelevich and his wife Tatyana, the daughter of Dr Sakharov's wife Yelena Bonner, said afterwards they hoped the German Government would bring up the Sakharov case both formally and informally with the Russians. They were also hoping Dr Helmut Kohl would be briefed.

Mr Yankelevich said conditions for Dr Sakharov had worsened since Mr Yuri Andropov assumed power. He said the fate of his father-in-law was closely bound up with that of the former head of the KGB, who was personally responsible for Dr Sakharov's treatment.

Evidence grows of army role in Uganda killings

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Travellers arriving here from Uganda, say there is now substantial evidence that about 200 civilians killed recently in Uganda were murdered by government troops and Uganda People's Congress youth wing members. The killings, they said, were because local residents had been accused of supporting anti-government guerrillas in the Lumero area, 30 miles north of Kampala.

The same reports say that 100,000 civilians - possibly more - were earlier forced from their homes and put under military guard in makeshift camps as part of the Government's drive against guerrillas of the National Resistance Army. It was some of these civilians, held in a camp at Kikuyu, who were attacked and killed, the reports added.

Diplomats and aid staff in Kampala since they had received many reports supporting this version of the Kikuyu incident. The Government says only that civilian refugees were killed by "bandits", its term for the guerrillas.

Opposition sources claim that at least 200 more people have died in other incidents in the last two weeks in areas

where the guerrillas have been operating. About 50 bodies, some showing signs of starvation and others with their hands bound, were recently dumped in a forest at Masutia, north of Kampala.

One body was identified by relatives as that of Michel Butlers, a freelance journalist aged about 25 who was arrested about three months ago and was last reported in Luzira prison, near Kampala. There is no record of his having been charged with any criminal offence.

Official sources in Kampala have made no statement on these incidents and have not reported the movement of civilians into camps, but church workers say the movement began two or three months ago. Survivors of the Kikuyu incident, interviewed in hospital in Kampala, said they could not identify the armed men who attacked the camp. But the NRA, which is led by Mr Yoweri Museveni, a former Defence Minister, said yesterday the attack was by young men in civilian clothes and some soldiers, who were transported to Kikuyu in military lorries.

Officers held in Zimbabwe cash scandal

Bulawayo (AFP) - Ten senior officers have been arrested after the theft of more than 500,000 Zimbabwe dollars (£230,000) from army funds, it was stated in court here.

Mr Jack Bowen, the prosecutor, said the officers were stationed at Llewellyn barracks in Bulawayo, headquarters of the Zimbabwe Army's First Brigade.

The unit was responsible, with the North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade, for operations against anti-government dissidents in south-west Zimbabwe in which up to 2,000 civilians were reported to have been killed earlier this year.

Expulsions anger China

From David Bonavia, Peking

China has protested to Mongolia about the expulsion of nearly 1,800 Chinese citizens and the confiscation of their property by the Mongolian customs. The Foreign Ministry said in a Note to the Mongolian Embassy here that the departing Chinese had been "stripped and subjected to insulting examination".

The Chinese, who have lived in Mongolia since the 1930s or even longer, were given notice last March that they could either go to live on farms or return to China.

It is not known how many Chinese there are in Mongolia, but they are thought to number no more than about 8,000 and some have taken Mongolian citizenship.

● MOSCOW: Mongolia has banned the majority of Chinese residents in the country as shirkers and admitted expelling some of them in a report published in Moscow yesterday and carried by Tass.

US review of Lebanon peace effort

From Mohsin Ali Washington

The Reagan Administration will hold a high-level policy review here next week of US Middle East peace efforts which are "at a pause" after Syria's refusal to withdraw its forces from Lebanon.

The consultations on how to help to carry out the Israeli-Lebanese agreement on withdrawal of Israeli forces will be under the direction of George Shultz, the Secretary of State. Israel has said it would withdraw its forces only if Syrian and PLO troops pulled out.

Mr Philip Habib, President Reagan's special Middle East envoy, will attend the policy

Why Arafat is no longer all things to all men

From Our Own Correspondent Beirut

Mr Yasser Arafat is aged 52 but there are times when he looks 10 years older. Faced with an enthusiastic audience, the eyes still open wide, the words still come crackling out like a machine-gun. But when he is tired and worried, with perspiration over his face and his stubble beard unkempt, he looks more and more like an exile from his own people. Mr Arafat is a very worried man these days, and he looks it.

What he seems unable to do is to reveal the real identity of his policies to his own supporters.

Is he the moderate Palestinian leader bent on compromise and prepared to trade recognition with Israel, if that is the price for statehood? Or is he a radical, claiming that only war can change the balance of power in the Middle East, that the Reagan peace plan is merely part of an American-Zionist plot?

It is his failure to answer this that has largely brought upon him the greatest challenge to his leadership in his 14 years as PLO leader.

In Beirut he could be all things to all men, ever loyal to his subordinates, ever aware of the need to talk about a "liberal democratic" nation "on any part of the land of Palestine". Question him in public, and he would aspire to a Palestinian nation that comprised all of Israel.

Last summer's Israeli invasion ended the marriage. When he was evacuated from Beirut with his guerrillas, he swore that the PLO would now gain its independence and be free from the pressures of other Arab nations.

But the shackles remained and Syria was able to probe the ambiguities in the hope of



Mr Arafat: End of the mirage.

pushing Mr Arafat into the radical camp.

When he left Beirut, Mr Arafat told his guerrillas that their military defeat was a political victory. But it has gained them no dividends and, travelling round Arab capitals these past six months, he failed to realize that his 8,000 guerrilla fighters in Lebanon had been deeply humiliated.

So when the Bekaa mutineers accused him of preparing to withdraw from Lebanon, they gained sympathy among hundreds of Fatah guerrillas. When they condemned Mr Arafat's promotion of two officers who had allegedly fled their posts during last summer's invasion, it only served to reveal the discontent within the PLO.

However much Syria and Libya are encouraging the dissent, there is a new breed of Palestinian guerrilla in Lebanon, openly hostile not just to Israel but to the Arab world which failed to help the PLO last year. Mr Arafat probably still has time to take the path of diplomacy and throw in his lot with Jordan after all.

If not, however, and if the radical men take over the movement, the only time you have to leave the house, he said, is to look back with nostalgia on the Arafat years.

Two Ulster gun-runners convicted in New York

From Christopher Thomas, New York

An intensive drive by the United States authorities to halt the flow of weapons and money to Irish terrorists has borne further results with the conviction in New York of two Ulstermen on gun-running charges.

The conviction comes only a few weeks after four men - three Ulstermen and an American - were found guilty of gun-running. They are due to be sentenced in New York on July 1 and could face up to 35 years' imprisonment.

FBI agents worked for months tracking down two men, found guilty by a jury at Brooklyn Federal Court on Thursday on charges related to a plot to send weapons to Northern Ireland.

The principal defendant was Colm Murphy, aged 32, from Armagh, a bricklayer in New York, who was identified by

government prosecutors as an arms buyer for the Irish National Liberation Army.

His fellow-defendant, Vincent Toner, aged 26, also from Armagh and a resident of New York for many years, was described as the "moving man" for arms. They were accused of taking delivery of 20 M16 rifles, a weapon much favoured by the IRA and INLA, from an FBI undercover agent.

British officials here have noted with satisfaction that the US authorities have for two years at least been intensifying their drive against active supporters of Irish terrorism.

In particular, the New York-based Irish Northern IRA Committee (Noraid), an IRA organisation that has been an invaluable source of contacts and money for weapons, has been harassed by the American authorities.

Doctors think contraceptive drug is safe

Chicago (Reuters) - Depo-Provera, the injectible contraceptive that lasts for three months, appears to be safe, research doctors report.

The drug was banned as a birth control method by the Food and Drug Administration in 1978 after being on the market for five years.

It has continued in use in a few clinical trials in the US and has had limited use in Britain. Researchers at the US Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, in a report in this week's *American Medical Association Journal*, say: "There is not likely to be a strong association between (Depo-Provera) injections and cancer of the breast, uterine corpus or ovary."

The FDA banned its use as a contraceptive because animal studies had linked it to those cancers. Now the researchers say the relevance of the studies to humans is in doubt.

Journey's end for the Jeep

The Jeep, second only to the cowboy's mustang as the quintessential transport for the American male and his machismo, is being retired after 42 years' distinguished Army service. Trevor Fishlock writes.

Its robust versatility as the workhorse of battlefield and barracks has ensured it a place in transport history, the affections of GIs, and, not least, in the memories of

filmmakers who watched John Wayne winning a war in one.

The Jeep was born in response to the US Government's urgent call for a tough vehicle in 1940.

It is usually assumed that the Jeep derived its name from the initials GP, for General Purpose Vehicle. The Army is replacing it with a larger vehicle known as the Hummer. The Jeep drives off into the sunset.

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Reagan's Central America reshuffle completed by new Salvador envoy

From Mohsin Ali Washington

The Reagan Administration with the announcement of a new ambassador to El Salvador, believes that its personnel and policy for dealing with Central America are now in place.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, made the announcement on Thursday that Mr Thomas Pickering, a career diplomat, currently Ambassador to Nigeria and a former Ambassador to Jordan, would replace Mr Deane Hinton in El Salvador. He also formally confirmed Mr Langhorne Motley, Ambassador to Brazil, to replace Mr Thomas Enders as Assistant Secretary of State for inter-American affairs. Mr Enders is likely to become US Ambassador to Spain.

Mr Shultz emphasized that these diplomatic replacements were rotational and routine. He reiterated President Reagan's demands that the Administration's Central America policy would become tougher and would lead to greater involvement in El Salvador, where the US is helping the Government to fight left-wing guerrillas.

President Reagan is planning to send about 25 US military doctors to El Salvador for humanitarian reasons. But there would be no addition to the self-imposed limit of 55 American military training personnel now in the country.

The Pentagon said that about 100 US military instructors, including some from the special Green Beret force, would be going to northern Honduras later this month. For the next six months they would train about 2,400 Salvadoran troops



Mr Stone Start of odyssey

at Puerto Castillo on the Caribbean Coast.

SAN SALVADOR: Mr Richard Stone, President Reagan's special envoy to Central America, arrived in El Salvador yesterday on the first leg of a 12-day tour of the region, Reuter reports.

Mr Stone is to tour all seven Central American states and three Latin American capitals. As he arrived, guerrillas claimed to have killed 33 Salvadoran soldiers and wounded 27 in an ambush of reinforcements sent to recapture a military communications post.

The rebel's Radio Venceremos said they hit three army lorries carrying infantry troops in a mine attack on the road between Chapeltique and Ciudad Barrios in San Miguel province.

The Army confirmed a guerrilla claim to have captured the army communications centre on the 4,500ft Cacaguatique Volcano which relays information to ground troops over most of eastern El Salvador.

The guerrilla broadcast said 49 soldiers were taken prisoner at the centre. Military spokesmen said two army helicopters and a fighter aircraft strafed and bombed guerrilla positions east of the capital yesterday. No casualty figures were given.

MEXICO CITY: Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, is expected in Mexico City today on the last leg of his five-nation, six-day tour of Latin American countries, a tour in which his paramount concern has been to seek a solution to the Central American conflict independent of US influence, John Carlin writes.

Señor González, due to meet President Reagan in Washington this summer, told a Mexican newspaper this week that there was a conscious "symbolic importance" in his decision to visit the "Ibero-American" countries before the United States.

More symbolic still, he has chosen to visit the four countries which make up the Conaduro group - Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama - which are committed to seeking an independently Latin American, negotiated solution to the problems in Central America. He is sharply opposed to US policy in Central America, denying the basic thesis that the problems of every country in the region have one common root, the East-West power struggle.

GUATEMALA CITY: Three people were killed and two policemen were wounded in a gun battle at a house authorities said was a rebel base, Reuter reports.

Soviet cows threaten Ten's farm budget

From Ian Murray Brussels

Russian cows and West European weather between them could see the EEC use up all its money this year. The European Commission is drawing up a huge supplementary budget to help pay for the soaring costs of supporting the common agricultural policy.

Farm experts in Brussels believe it more than likely that a second such budget will be necessary before the end of the year.

This year the Community has only got about £1,700m to spare above its budget commitments. Yet advances paid out to member states to finance the CAP for the first six months of this year already total more than £680m above what was allowed for originally. The supplementary budget is necessary to pay for this over-spending.

But the rate of spending looks as though it can only accelerate. This is because of the need to pay for the fast-growing butter and skimmed-milk powder "mountains" and to cope with some of the biggest stocks of cereals the Community has ever known.

The situation as far as dairying is concerned is dramatic. Informed estimates show that paying for the EEC's cows alone this year will cost the Community more than £3,255m. This compares with the gross total of £3,069m which Britain paid the Community last year and the £3,000m the Community set aside this year for helping young people find work.

Total private and public stocks of butter in the Community are now 460,252 tonnes, the biggest ever springtime "mountain". This is before the summer production surge and estimates show that butter production this year will probably be at least 5 per cent up on last year, which was 9 per cent up on the year before.

At the same time, Soviet cows are at last beginning to perform well. Their output over the year has risen by 23 per cent, which means that Russia, the biggest butter buyer in the world, needs less and less butter. By the end of the decade it is expected it will need to import no more than 3,000 tonnes a year, compared with 203,000 tonnes this year.

The skimmed-milk powder has grown even more quickly than the butter. This now stands at 768,576 tonnes and is growing at the rate of about 50,000 tonnes a month.

The extremely wet weather this year could help to produce more record crops. If the summer should turn out warm.

All these factors will have to be assessed in the talks between officials of the Commission and the US Agriculture Department, due to take place in Washington in three weeks time.

Strike Bill beats MPs' walkout

From Mario Medina Athens

The Greek Parliament approved the controversial law inhibiting public sector strikes early yesterday despite a walk-out by the Communist deputies, and protests by more than 50,000 workers demonstrating outside the building.

Whether this will lead to an all-out union war against the Government by the pro-Soviet Greek Communist Party (KKE), which has vowed to defy the law, will not be known until next week.

The Bill has its final reading on Monday, after procedural objections by the opposition, and it will take a few more days for it to be promulgated.

It provides for the "socialization" of all public sector banks, hospitals, enterprises and utilities through active worker participation, but the opposition claims it imposes such restrictions on strikes for 200,000 Greeks working in the public sector that industrial action is impracticable.

The Government argues that the law introduces more democratic strike procedures since it will now require an absolute majority of a union's total membership to call a strike. A last minute amendment simplifies the procedure for calling union meetings.

Angry workers outside Parliament swore to defy the law, but their fervour seemed to fizzle out as the debate dragged on until the early hours.

The Communists accused the government of "strangling the workers' right to strike" and 13 KKE deputies and one independent walked out in protest.

Earlier, during the general debate, when Mr Mikis Theodorakis, the composer and KKE member, described the bill as a "transvestite". Mr Yiannopoulos, the Minister of Labour, called out: "The Bill will pass and you'll say a song." The composer retorted: "If I knew something about songs, what you'll be hearing will be a dirge."

GENEVA: The International Metalworkers' Federation appealed to Mr Papandreu to withdraw the new law, which it said went against international labour conventions and democratic socialist principles, Reuter reports.

Young jobless to get EEC cash boost

From Our Own Correspondent, Luxembourg

Much more EEC money is to be spent to help young people under 25 to find work, as a result of changes in the way the Community's social fund operates.

The changes were approved on Thursday evening in Luxembourg by EEC social affairs ministers.

Britain was one of the main countries arguing for the increase. Under the terms of the reshaped fund, 75 per cent, rather than 40 per cent, of all social fund money will have to go to training or job creation for young people, and Britain is likely to receive at least a quarter of the amount available.

The ministers agree to continue to spend 40 per cent of the money in the Community's most deprived areas - southern Italy, Greece, Greenland, and the whole of Ireland. Projects

for these areas will still have to contain a significant number of job opportunities for those under 25.

The European Commission's preliminary draft budget for the next year is suggesting a 14.8 per cent increase in the amount of money to be spent by the fund. It has already earmarked about £550m to help young people, with a commitment to spend a further £1,140m on them.

The extra benefits that Britain can expect from the fund are likely to go a small way towards balancing its receipts and payments to the EEC budget. The commission's good intentions, however, could be wrecked if obligatory agricultural spending eats up revenue intended for the "non-obligatory" social fund.



Weinberger's Arctic patrol

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, inspecting a Norwegian soldier at the start of his four-day visit to examine Norway's ability to defend its northern territory against the possibility of a Soviet offensive launched from the Kola peninsula in the Arctic Circle.

Meanwhile in Bonn, Chancellor Kohl said that he believed the United States was "seriously, responsibly and reasonably" seeking an agreement at talks with the

Soviet Union on curbing medium-range missiles in Europe, Reuter reports.

Dr Kohl's remarks were relayed to a news conference after he had talks for an hour with Mr Paul Nitz, the US chief negotiator at the Geneva talks. Mr Nitz is to visit Bonn again on June 30 to brief Dr Kohl on the latest state of negotiations before the Chancellor travels to Moscow on July 4 for talks with Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader.

Dane acquitted of German spy charges

Düsseldorf. (Reuter) - Dr Flemming Soerensen, a Danish journalist, was acquitted yesterday of charges of spying for East Germany after a six-week trial which turned into a fiasco for West Germany's counter-espionage agency.

Mr Soerensen, aged 52, a former chairman of the Bonn Foreign Press Association, was arrested last September at the Danish border and held in jail for eight months before being freed on bail on April 20 after the prosecution case began to crumble.

The court said he would be compensated for his imprisonment.

The case was based entirely on the testimony of Miss Nada Džanić, aged 31, his former girl friend.

Seoul hunger strike sets off campus riot

Seoul (Reuter) - Police detained about 20 people yesterday after nearly 1,000 Seoul university students staged an anti-government demonstration in support of Mr Kim Young Sam, the 55-year-old former opposition leader.

Mr Kim, aged 55, head of the banned main opposition New Democratic Party, has defied pleas from doctors and supporters to end his 17-day-old hunger strike to press for a return to democracy in South Korea.

Riot police firing tear gas and wielding batons stormed the campus of the Presbyterian Yongsin University. Three doctors spent two and a half hours yesterday trying to persuade Mr Kim, who has been taking only water and salt, to accept medication.

THE ARTS

The Glyndebourne season opened last weekend with *Idomeneo*, staged by Trevor Nunn, director of the Royal Shakespeare Company. David Cairns in *The Sunday Times* found the production "a landmark in the opera's history" and Nunn's contribution "quite marvellous"; certain other critics were less enthusiastic. Trevor Nunn, in conversation with John Higgins, reflects on the first opera he has put on stage.



Idomeneo has been a long time in coming. Presumably there have been plenty of other offers over the years? Yes, there have been a number of approaches, but I've always been rather coy about doing opera. I've felt that others would have been a better choice or simply better qualified. I don't play an instrument and I don't read music. The first time I thought I might have something to offer was when *Falstaff* came up - I had better not say where. I had just done the play from which Verdi and Boito had extracted most of their material. But the preparation period clashed directly with the opening of the Barbican and I had to decline.

[This has to be the *Falstaff* which marked Giulini's return to opera, seen first in Los Angeles and later at Covent Garden and in Florence. It was eventually directed by Ronald Eyre.]

Idomeneo, which some reckon to be an unstagable opera, seems a strange choice for a debut. Who proposed it in the first place?

The suggestion came to me from Peter Hall. We have regular meetings to discuss the state of the nation - in other words the theatre. The state-subsidized mafia has to get together occasionally. He reckoned that I should go to Glyndebourne because the rehearsal conditions there were the nearest I would get to those at Stratford - the conditions he created and which I have fought to maintain. At first I demurred, "reckoning that this was a musician's opera" and that it would be prudent to begin on something more obviously theatrical. But then I saw my way to doing it.

Presumably Peter matched you and *Idomeneo* deliberately. Did you question him about this?

No, I didn't. But he is well

aware of my fascination with Shakespeare's final plays. They deal with the triumph of love over all other considerations; they sometimes tell us that our salvation is in our children; they are concerned with humans in contact with the heavens. There is an obvious kinship between those themes and *Idomeneo*. Peter would have perceived that.

Glyndebourne has a special relationship with *Idomeneo* going back to the first production in 1951. Did this cast any shadows?

No. Glyndebourne, reasonably enough, feel proud and a bit possessive about *Idomeneo* but they do not claim to have "a way of doing it". Each fresh production is a new problem to be solved. The most obvious approach was to stage it as an eighteenth century reconstruction, but we set ourselves against that almost at once.

It is a genre piece, a moral piece, a Racinean piece. But it also happens to concern people who have done, or about to do, wrong; that is not remote, it is an everyday crisis. There is something pejorative now about the term *opera seria* and at time *Idomeneo* does turn its face away from us; but throughout I was obsessed with the emotion of the music, its unexpected gradations and the way Mozart describes the contradictions and opposites making up each character.

You have used a stage, almost devoid of conventional props, with surrounds which clearly owe much to the traditional Japanese theatre. Why?

The "Japanese" elements have been over-emphasized and misinterpreted by some critics. The motif of the axe, for example, which has been singled out, comes not from Japan, but from a doorway in Crete, which of course is where the opera is set. Let me say merely that my

staging acknowledges a Japanese tradition, which may or may not be close to the Ancient Greek traditions - we have no means of knowing. When I first started discussions with John [Napier, the designer] we asked ourselves from what kind of theatre *Idomeneo* could sympathetically spring.

It had to be one which encouraged soliloquy, was able to reveal complicated protagonists, supported stylized spectacle, included the expectation that the pace would be a sedate one. All this pointed to the Ancient Greek Theatre - or what we think it was.

I went for an almost bare stage because the music describes the major incidents so emphatically that there was no point in demonstrating the obvious through conventional paint and canvas. The textures suggest white sand and rock, with a little help from a Zen temple I remember in Kyoto. But let me assure you that everything in the centre of the stage, costumes included, is Cretan: there are no refugees from *Madam Butterfly*.

One of the triumphs of the production is the performance of the chorus, which, under Jane Glover, is the best Glyndebourne has had for some years. How was this achieved?

Mainly through improvisation, which we used from the first day of rehearsal. We worked in finding a single emotion for each piece of music.

Just before *Idomeneo* opened the Romanian director, Lucian Pintilie, staged a *Carmen* for the WNO which was clearly designed to provoke and infuriate as well as delight. Is there a Pintilie streak in you?

Not as far as *Idomeneo* is concerned. I set out to do a serious, sober production and to be judged in the same manner.

Concert

Philharmonia/Ozawa Festival Hall

The blood-curdling cumulative discords at the beginning of Prokofiev's ballet *Romeo and Juliet* were done with such pungent intensity by the Philharmonia on Thursday night that it was quickly clear this was to be a performance making up in boldness of orchestral colour what we were missing in visual stage drama.

In this selection from the two suites that Prokofiev compiled (with the addition of some other music from the ballet), Mr Ozawa had a sure feel for

theatrical effect. Indeed, "Romeo at Juliet's Tomb" and "Tybalt's Death" approached historic melodrama, so fully did Mr Ozawa's forceful gestures draw on the power of the orchestra's brass. But the music rang with a thrilling freshness and tumultuous vigour.

It was an astute piece of planning to pair the ballet music with Prokofiev's Second Violin Concerto, written around the same time; and it was even wiser to shift the interval so that both works were played in the second half.

The concerto was Prokofiev's last commission from western Europe: the ballet was one of the first he received from a Soviet institution on his return

to Russia in the mid 1930s. Symbolically, then, they represent different periods of his career, though, as Salvatore Accardo's warm and deeply felt performance stressed, the concerto points the way towards the expansive style of Prokofiev's later years.

Mr Accardo's playing was marked by immaculate tonal control, relaxed lyricism and, in the finale, a biting rhythmicity. Moreover, Mr Ozawa's meticulous observation of detail brought to light many of those felicitous orchestral touches which are so often lost in performances less attentive to questions of balance.

Geoffrey Norris

Radio

Behind the imagery curtain

It really is sometimes quite difficult to appreciate that the sciences of Soviet Russia are inhabited by other human beings. Most of us never meet a real live Soviet citizen and I find that my stock of associations for the word "Russia" consists of fixed images: the parades of lethal weaponry in Red Square, the leadership drawn up in stern, unsmiling line like so many unattractive wooden dolls.

Over the past four weeks Radio 3 has been putting out some programmes which give us the chance to acquire different associations. *Soviet Life Through Official Literature* (producer, Louise Purslow) was a second series - the first went out February 1981 - of extracts from contemporary Soviet writing of the kind that appears in the approved periodicals.

The expectation set up by such material is that it will prove entirely unconvincing, but what we heard was not. Here was some evidence of a society beginning to do what it had been unable to do before: examine some of the less creditable events of its recent past.

Understanding science, like understanding Russia, is also at the mercy of the fixed, received image, but a series of six programmes has done a good deal to dissolve some of the more resistant. They have been going out on Wednesday under the individual titles.

Each took the form of an interview in which Professor Lewis Wolpert spoke to some distinguished scientific practitioner about his work.

In such an undertaking the choice of interviewer is vital and Wolpert struck me as an exceptionally good one since he was able to converse with his subjects in a language which was plain at least sounded comprehensible. I stress "sounded" because in fields such as

these, true comprehension in the sense of appreciating the significance of a man's work is simply not available to the uninitiated; when Professor Mike Berry speaks of applying catastrophe theory to the effect of light through moving water, all I understand is the words. But when he speaks of the elegance of a theory as akin to elegance in music, then I know what he means.

David Wade

Television Survival at sea

Anglia's *Survival Special*, Ghosts of Cape Horn, offered much pleasure in prospect: noble square-riggers, intrepid captains, a flashback to the days when men were men and all that, and the forbidding grey rock itself, whipped by 100 mile-an-hour winds, lashed by mountainous seas. Of all the sea routes in the world, it was the most feared. Its victims were countless and many survived only to limp the 300 miles down to the Falklands and die there, making the islands the world's biggest graveyard for square-riggers.

The gold-hungry Forty-Niners went this way to San Francisco and, at one time in 1849, 777 ships lay in the bay of what was then a shanty town. It was likely, crews being hard to come by for the return journey, that many of the passengers on the outward voyage would make an involuntary return, being shanghaied by "trimps" who were paid 40 dollars a head for crewmen.

One entrepreneurial lady, a brothel-owner, doubled her money by chloroforming her customers and selling them to captains. These were obviously hard times for seamen, voluntary or involuntary, and it was a pity the programme foundered through lack of direction.

It was also handicapped by over long sea shanties - at times I almost swayed - and an over ripe commentary by Jason Robards, to whom Peter Scott handed over after his introduction.

In the Falklands we saw marine archaeologist Peter Throckmorton labouring to save the American down-easter *St. Mary*, wrecked in the Falklands on her maiden voyage in 1890 after a collision off Cape Horn. Mr Throckmorton also gave an account of the *Jhelum*, a unique timber and iron East Indiaman, built in Liverpool in 1849, abandoned for 100 years and still in remarkably good condition. She was, he said, better built than the American ships, which gave me a thrill of pride, compensating a little for my overall disappointment.

Dennis Hackett

WEEKEND CHOICE

For a brief moment, the first in a new series of *The Levin Interviews* (tonight, BBC 2, 8.50) looks as if it is going to develop into a mutual admiration session. Isaac Stern, the great violinist, has read Mr Levin and likes what he has read. Mr Levin, clearly, has heard Mr Stern and admires what he has heard. In a word, shared and personal pleasure is the keynote of tonight's interview.

Most performers would have left it at that. Not Mr Stern. He makes the process of interpreting a familiar score sound as exciting as a first flight into space. But there are down-to-earth moments to cherish tonight, too. "You make it all sound like enormous fun," says Mr Levin. "If it was, it would be a bloody bore," replies Mr Stern.

Music in Time (tomorrow, Channel 4, 7.10pm), Derek Bailey's 16-part series, reaches the half-way stage with a film about Viennese classicism, concentrating on Mozart (time-wise, his operas are generously treated, and Pollini is in fine form in the piano concerto in F major K459) and Schubert (mainly Lieder). Impossible, of course, in just over the hour to do more than indicate the stupendous contribution the Magnificent Two made to music. However, the bland spaces are expertly filled in by William Mann, formerly music critic of *The Times*, in his book *Music in Time* (Mitchell Beazley, £9.95) which superbly extends the already ambitious scope of Mr Bailey's films.

Peter Davalle

Romanian olive branch to West annoys Russia

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Romania in a surprise move here yesterday endorsed Western proposals for concluding the European security review conference which has dragged on for more than two and a half years.

The gesture left the Soviet Union more isolated than ever at the 35-nation conference. Western and neutral delegates were puzzled whether the Russians might be behind the move or whether it would result only in the Soviet Union adopting an even more stubborn stand.

Mr Vasile Sandru, head of the Romanian delegation, first indicated that his Government was dropping counter-claims proposed originally to the neutrals' draft concluding document, and then

suggested that all the West's amendments could be accommodated in a spirit of compromise.

The Western amendments cover human rights and human contact, as well as the jamming of broadcasts to East Europe.

In an immediate reaction, Mr Anatoly Kovalev, a Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, distanced himself from Romania and repeated the line first laid down by Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader, a month ago that the neutrals' document must be accepted as it stands without any Western amendment.

This attitude has kept the Madrid meeting stalled for four weeks with the Russians refusing any negotiations.

Dane acquitted of German spy charges

Düsseldorf. (Reuter) - Dr Flemming Soerensen, a Danish journalist, was acquitted yesterday of charges of spying for East Germany after a six-week trial which turned into a fiasco for West Germany's counter-espionage agency.

Mr Soerensen, aged 52, a former chairman of the Bonn Foreign Press Association, was arrested last September at the Danish border and held in jail for eight months before being freed on bail on April 20 after the prosecution case began to crumble.

The court said he would be compensated for his imprisonment.

The case was based entirely on the testimony of Miss Nada Džanić, aged 31, his former girl friend.

Seoul hunger strike sets off campus riot

Seoul (Reuter) - Police detained about 20 people yesterday after nearly 1,000 Seoul university students staged an anti-government demonstration in support of Mr Kim Young Sam, the 55-year-old former opposition leader.

Mr Kim, aged 55, head of the banned main opposition New Democratic Party, has defied pleas from doctors and supporters to end his 17-day-old hunger strike to press for a return to democracy in South Korea.

Riot police firing tear gas and wielding batons stormed the campus of the Presbyterian Yongsin University. Three doctors spent two and a half hours yesterday trying to persuade Mr Kim, who has been taking only water and salt, to accept medication.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Doubting Jim

Rumours were rife last week that, after his contribution on defence policy, Jim Callaghan would make another major speech...

Wrong again

With the trustworthiness of Dr Nicanor Costa Mendez, Argentina's former foreign minister, at issue in the debate over the Belgrano sinking...

Speechless

George Thomas, the retiring Speaker, will make an appeal in the name of Clement Attlee on Radio 4 tomorrow. Not a last-minute attempt to rally the party faithful...

BARRY FANTONI



'Think of it more as a conflict'

Just Williams

William Williams of Abergavenny intends to fight hard to be returned to Parliament as a Welsh Nationalist MP. He will need to. He is standing in Putney, Williams is a City slicker...

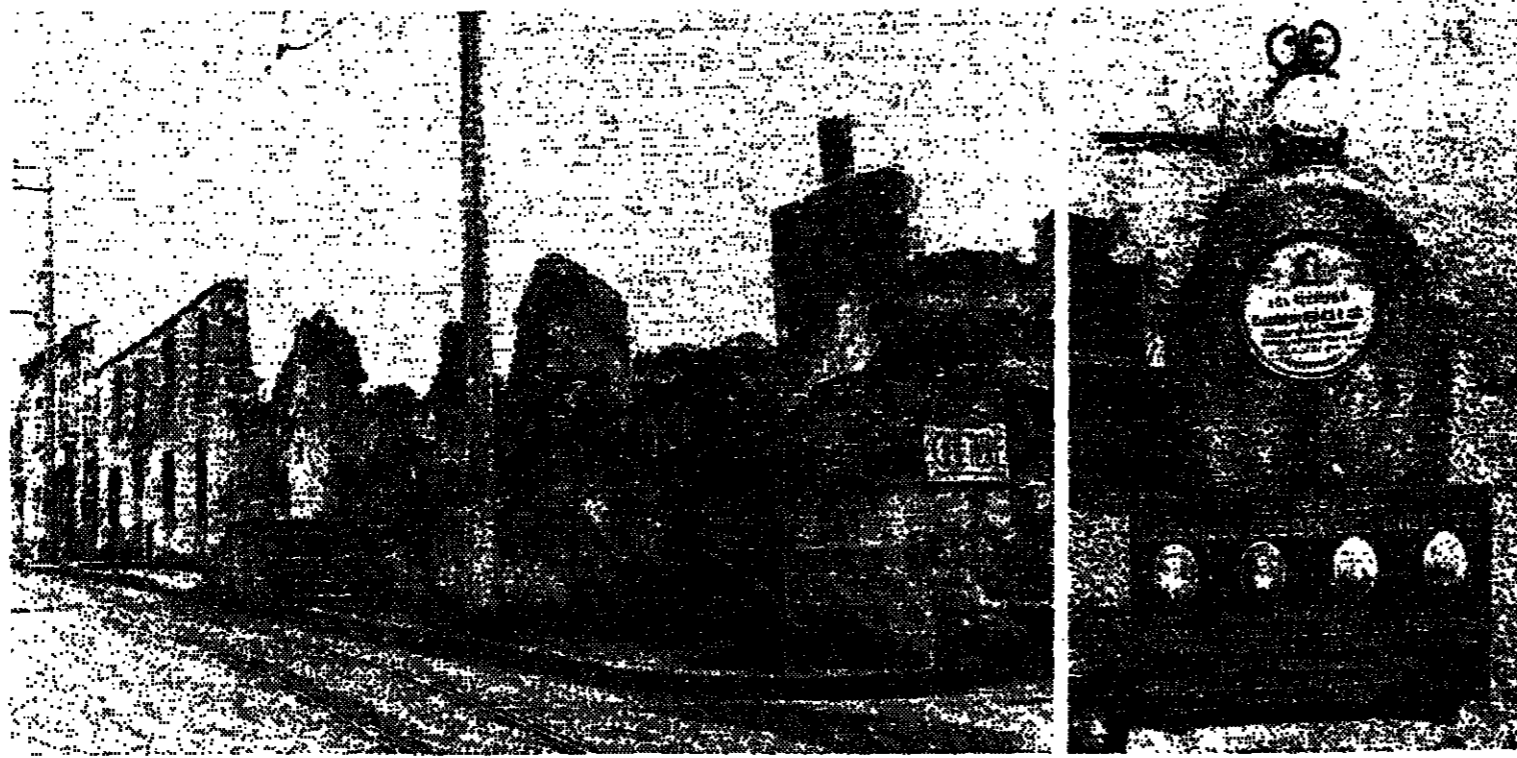
Of course it is not only The Times which is misprising. Hence the surprising sentence in Conservative Angela Rumbold's open letter to constituents in the Mitcham News...

Injured party

A press release has been issued complaining that the Conservatives' full-page advertisements highlighting supposed similarities between the Labour and Communist manifestos are Tory smears...

I am sorry, but Michael Foot's biographies are going to be just about on the bottom on June 9. Margaret Thatcher on the other hand, while physically rather whacked, is something to be on an intellectual and notional high...

Diana Geddes talks to survivors of the June 1944 massacre



Unchanged from June 1944, the shell of Oradour. Right, memorials to some who died

Oradour: the agony that cries out for vengeance

Paris When a man like Heinz Barth is found, how can you let him live? He must be burnt to death like he burnt others. He deserves the death penalty and more...

Heinz Barth, a former SS officer, is due to be sentenced next week by an East Berlin court for his part in the massacre. He could face a firing squad. Five of the survivors of the Oradour massacre went to Berlin to testify at his trial...

Oradour, deep in the quiet, lush Limousin countryside, had almost ignored the war. There were no ration shops, no known connections with Resistance fighters, and no German had ever been seen in the village, despite more than three years of occupation...

Barth and his fellow officers wiped out an entire village of apparently completely innocent people, including 205 babies and children and 240 women. Many were burnt alive after being shot and wounded, the men in garages and barns, the women and children in the church...

Today, a large sign in French and English, 'Souviens-Toi. Remember', marks the entrance of the ruined village, which has been kept virtually as it was on the day after the massacre...

About 500,000 visitors come to Oradour every year, including many Germans, Alsacians, and British. More are expected this year because of the publicity surrounding Barth's trial...

Who are the real Keynesians now?

In a centenary tribute, Robert Skidelsky questions the credentials of the politicians who claim the master's economic mantle

John Maynard Keynes was born 100 years ago tomorrow, in the year that Karl Marx died. The coupling is appropriate, because Keynes set out to make unnecessary the revolution which Marx said was inevitable...

Before blaming Keynes for these perverse outcomes, it is worth recalling what he actually said. Far from being in favour of inflation, he saw it as a grave threat to social order. 'Lenin was certainly right', he wrote in 1919...



Keynes, as seen by Low in the Evening Standard in 1938

today's Keynesians still believe we must always run the economy flat out, forgetting that Keynes himself predicted in 1930 that the problem of our generation would be 'how to occupy the leisure, which science and compound interest' had won for us...

Government spending was designed to mop up that part of unemployment which he called 'involuntary' - the situation of those willing to work who could not price themselves into jobs because general demand was too low...

private only to the 'involuntary' part of the unemployment problem. It is plausible to suppose that he would have tried to reduce the level of 'voluntary' unemployment by means of an incomes policy...

What he would have done had it been impossible to get an incomes policy one cannot say, yet this is the key issue in contemporary political economy...

How would Keynes have viewed the choices currently facing the British electorate? He was a lifelong member of the Liberal Party, and I see no reason to doubt that his vote would have gone to the Alliance...

Keynes always sought a middle way between individualism and collectivism. Those who aspire to his mantle can do no less. The author is Professor of International Studies at Warwick University...

Scargill, here's your chance

In the first of these articles which I penned as the election campaign began I ventured the heretical thought that from the Tory point of view, the less we heard from Mr Wedgwood Benn the better...

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Jock Bruce-Gardyne

It is perfectly true, as Cecil Parkinson, the Conservative Party chairman, and others have reasonably reminded us, that every Labour government since Attlee's has owed its tucker to Downing Street...

This time the ambition of the Gang of Four and friends is to hold the balance of power in a hung parliament. In reality, of course, such a parliament were to come to birth on Thursday night the leader of the largest single party would be asked, and presumably accept the invitation, to form a minority government...

For some 20 years after the war, no fetes or marriages were held in the village during June. Germans were persona non grata, and wreaths left by Germans on the Oradour victims' tomb were trampled underfoot...

M Beaulieu was not in the village at the time of the massacre, but both his grandparents and his mother were killed. Why did he, Mme Renaud and half a dozen other survivors decide to come back to live so close to the scene of the horror?

Walking a few days ago with the People's March for Jobs through lush country, I saw roadside chestnuts ablaze with white candles, beeches in their first blush of leaf, startled hosts to the 400 £2-a-day, plus-all-expenses-included workers in their too immaculate, well-coloured, green and yellow water-proofs as they make their good-humoured way towards the capital...

In Periclean Athens, where democracy emerged, the slaves greatly outnumbered the Athenians. Today, even though they are no longer called slaves, the underprivileged throughout the world are, more or less, enslaved...

Food, shelter, warmth, material benefits: all these are now readily obtainable in Britain. The working majority, people and robots, can and will work. Accordingly, we must redefine the terms of the social debate...

The People's March, instead of claiming a right that is unlikely to be accepted by the majority, would be much better occupied protesting that in a successful society unemployment, far from being a disaster, could, with imagination and courage, be seen to be a singular sign of success...

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Trident, or negative income tax. But for what they call 'an incomes strategy that would stick'. The Labour Party pretends that it would tame inflation with the ghost of Mr Solomon Binding; a palaver with the unions. They kid no-one - not even, one assumes, themselves. The Government promises to keep up the pressure on the financial causes of inflation. But the Jenkins/Cyril Smith roadshow wants another norm for wages, with fines and price controls comparability a la Clegg, and laws to ban inflation if people won't behave...

Forget the overwhelming evidence that all a wage control can do, at best, is to defer the impact of inflation for six months or so. Forget the spectacle of unelected, wholly unrepresentative union chieftains (literally) laying down the law for Parliament as the price of their benevolence. The ultimate indictment of this folly is that precisely because it takes away from unions the very purpose of their existence, it gives a golden opportunity to those among the leaders who yearn to use industrial muscle for political objectives, and deprives the others of any choice but to make common cause with that yearning. And when the Government is forced to beat retreat they have the nerve to tell us that 'the nation is ungovernable'...

So we have been warned. Those who vote the means on Thursday must understand the end. If Arthur Scargill has an ounce of nous, he would seek to use it for one purpose as the one unique ingredient which genuinely differentiates them from the other parties...

Not for PR (of which we've hardly heard a whisper). Not for industrial co-partnership, or getting rid of

Monday: Barbara Castle

David Hart

Make the robots march for jobs

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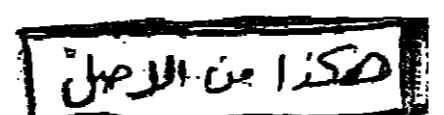
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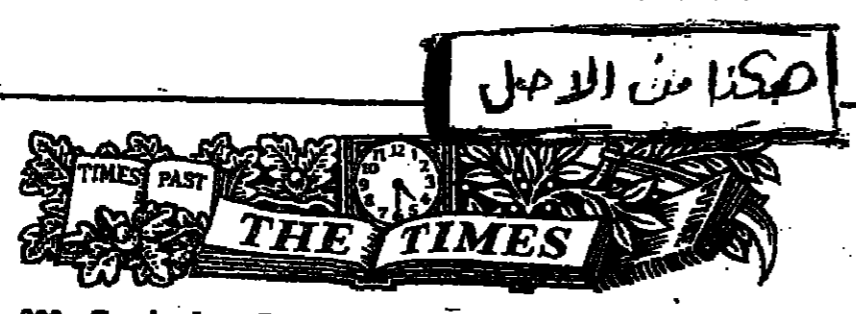
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DAMNED STATISTICS

Unemployment has been rising, is rising and will go on rising for the foreseeable future. That is the underlying and unchanging trend. Yesterday's figures merely confirm it. The small print - seasonal adjustments, over-sixties off the register, youth employment schemes and so on - remains the small print. It has in fact been rising here at twice the annual average rate of the OECD for the past twenty three years, as British competitiveness has declined and domestic demand turned into imports.

Those are the economic facts. They are not the facts of life for millions of people both in work and out of it. The significance of the figure is only brought home at the margin where people are either just in or just out of work. In an opinion poll last week this attitude was brought to light by the fact that a majority of respondents said that though unemployment was the most important national issue inflation was the most important issue for them and their families.

Sadly, figures have come to replace words as the medium of ideas in politics. That may be why employment has not surfaced in the election as an argument which can be sustained with passion, since the statistics themselves are meaningless. The poverty of an argument based on statistics is sharply revealed when it comes to the search for political inspiration. It has been clear for years that an expanding labour force, with half a million more people in the sixteen-nineteen age group, and three quarters of a million more in the sixty-six to four age group would raise the number of unemployed above three million, even with growth in the economy. Without growth only the expansion of para-work schemes has kept the real figure so low.

In political terms this statistical enormity is an abstraction. There is little difference between saying there are three million people out of work and twenty one million in work. Politicians of all parties have failed to discover a different and more humane language in which to discuss the whole question of work and society. They have failed because they are impaled on this obsession with statistics, whereas the real issue is the changing nature of work and the whole pattern of working life in a society which is deeply accustomed to the idea of institutional employment.

The government has failed to have a vision of this change because it is too frightened to admit that a natural rate of unemployment in the future economic model may be higher than politicians have led electors to expect in the oft-spoken but unfulfilled post-war promises to provide full employment. That failure has led to an inability to find language which can combine an understandable, compassionate and inspiring vision of that future working society, with one which does not jar too unacceptably with the explanation for the transitional pains experienced on the way.

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Mr Healey's remarks and the Falklands factor

From Lord Thomas of Swynnerton: Sir, The statements by Mr Denis Healey about the Prime Minister in the Falklands crisis are barely believable to those who heard his speech in the House of Commons on May 20, 1982, on the occasion of the Argentine rejection of the last of Britain's compromise proposals (proposals which any rational Argentine government would have accepted, and which would repay a re-examination by those who now think that the Government was anxious to go to war).

Mr Healey said that "the Government's detailed account of their proposals and the Argentine response show beyond any reasonable doubt that the Prime Minister and her colleagues have been prepared to make many concessions, some of them unwelcome to us as they clearly are to many Conservative members, for the sake of a negotiated settlement". He agreed then that "some increase in the military pressure exerted on Argentina is now justified" (quotations from Hansard, volume 24, No. 120, May 20, 1982, columns 545 and 548).

The negotiations which failed on May 20 incidentally were much the most serious ones in the course of the Falklands crisis, were long before the sinking of the Belgrano, and were undertaken by the Secretary General of the UN. Those who regret the failure of the earlier Foreign initiative seem to have forgotten that.

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Letters to the Editor

rejoicing, because the Argentines on South Georgia had surrendered without a single casualty on either side. Yours faithfully, G. M. L. SMITH, Boodle's, St James's Street, SW1, June 2.

From Professor Colonel G. I. A. D. Draper: Sir, Mr Brownjohn, in his letter to the Belgrano (June 1), remarks that the circumstances surrounding this incident became "more inscrutable". Indeed they do, but their inscrutability might be reduced if he saw fit to cite the relevant communication as to engagements sent to the Government of Argentina by HMG on April 23, 1982, nine days before the sinking of the General Belgrano by HM's submarine Conqueror on May 2. It is not a question of whether the Belgrano was "outside the exclusion zone" or in which direction it was sailing in relation to that zone.

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Patriotism and the nuclear threat

From Professor Peter A. Jewell: Sir, It is ironic that it is Mr Enoch Powell, no friend of the left, and an implacable foe of Russian communism, who has gone even further than Michael Foot in exposing the true insanity of nuclear strategy (report, June 1).

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On a clear day

From Mr T. D. Barker: Sir, On several days during the winter of 1944/5 there must have been many like myself who were "privileged" to see the Alps from 8th Army positions on the River Serio.

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THE GREEN GRASSY SLOPES OF THE BOYNE

The silver pen with which Carson signed the Solemn League and Covenant against Home Rule in 1912 having slipped through their fingers at auction earlier this year, Ulster's Unionist organizations now have a chance to bid for an even holier memento: the field of the Boyne itself. Thirty acres of it, the bit with the obelisk (they blew it up not long ago, but the stump remains), is on the market.

day before the battle. Breakfasting with his reconnaissance party within full view and range of the enemy's guns, he was struck in the shoulder by a ball from a sixpounder. Rumours of his death reached the Continent, and the bonfires in Paris were extinguished only by the gusts of King James's headlong flight from the field of battle.

possibilities of loyal exploitation. The broken obelisk is a reminder of that, if any is needed. The question what an Orangeman would do with it if he had it should be enough to prevent inflation of the price of the property beyond its agricultural value.

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You do not leave the ground; the ground leaves you. It recedes with the smoothness of a curb parting away from a Rolls-Royce, and shrinks to miniature form until hundreds of acres of fields turn into pieces of patchwork, great mansions diminish to doll's houses, even towns become toy-sized and the world blows by at the stately speed of the wind.

Ballooning gives a view of the earth that is in every sense eccentric. You have to be a bit dotty to take to the air in a laundry basket with little control over where you will end up, one balloonist admitted to me. Yet that is the charm, the quaint random uncertainty of ballooning. Anything might happen; you trust to the whim of the wind, yet balloonists are not often seriously injured. They may lose their dignity but rarely their lives. One was peppered with shot by a baronet recently when his craft accidentally drifted across a grouse shoot on a Yorkshire moor.

I talked to the long-suffering wife of a pilot who had put her balloon down in a field that was newly sprayed with pungent manure. "The basket tipped on to its side and became a large shovel. The balloon dragged us across the full length of that field like some hideous stinking chariot. The inside filled with fresh pig slurry and we were covered from head to foot by the time we stopped. I began to wonder if we ever would. We had a good laugh," she said.

One veteran continental balloonist recalled how he had departed for his wedding reception with his bride in a large hydrogen balloon. Romantically engaged in the bottom of the basket they eventually returned, metaphorically, to earth to find themselves in cloud. The countryside was flat and the air was still, so they gingerly descended until the pilot could hear dogs barking, clocks striking and people talking below, but he could neither see nor be seen. He picked out the voices of two women, leant out of the basket and shouted down to them: "What town is this?" The reply was a terrified scream.

'First in the sky were a sheep, cock and a duck'

Those women would be even more astonished now by what balloonists bestow upon the world beneath them. Balloons make the most perfect itinerant advertising platform and are stitched together in some huge and curious shapes. Cameron Balloons of Bristol, the biggest British manufacturer, has produced a flying chateau for an American millionaire, an airborne pair of jeans with a 100ft inside leg, a flying oil drum, a goliath, numerous flying bottles and two flying houses, all to advertise particular products or companies.

Flamboyant Promotions of Stafford insist that such balloons provide the most striking and cost-effective form of advertising. Their own promotional material is full of enthusiasm: "You're headed for work. You round a bend, and there before you in the sky is a 54ft-tall paint can. You gaze excitedly at this unexpected spectacle as it drifts past. Its image remains fixed in your mind." Indeed it would - all the way to hospital - but flying paint cans, barley-water bottles, giant crisp packets and cigarette cartons apart, the sport of flying balloons has a long and distinguished history that began 200 years ago.

On November 21, 1783, M. Francois Pilatre de Rozier and the Marquis d'Arlandes rose from a fire-pit in the grounds of the Chateau la Muette, Paris, in a handsomely decorated Montgolfier balloon, to make the first aerial voyage by man. For 20 minutes or so they drifted across the countryside before landing safely in a field five miles away.

The distinction of being the first balloonists to take to the air belonged, however, to a sheep, a cockerel and a duck which had been dispatched



On a wind and a prayer

At a time of falling inflation, it is the fastest-rising sport in Britain. In the second of a series on seasonal activities, Ronald Faux joins the charming and eccentric grown-ups who still take a fancy to balloons

Up and away: Competitors at last month's British National Balloon championships, Sudeley Castle, near Cheltenham. Top left: Photographer Jonathan Player experiments with a camera 'boom'

from Versailles in a Montgolfier two months earlier. The balloon descended after eight minutes when the air inside it cooled. The sheep and the duck were both in good health but the cockerel was "unwell". Learned professors at first attributed this to the effects of rarefied atmosphere but closer inspection revealed that it had been trodden on by the sheep.

The French triumph was galling to Britain, where the principles of lighter-than-air flight were well enough understood. Ten days after the first manned flight the French compounded their triumph by using an English discovery, hydrogen, to fly a balloon for two hours from Paris to Neale, reaching a height of 2,000ft and then, with the aircraft still buoyant, ascending again for a further 35 minutes. It was not until the following year that British balloonists first took to their air.

From balloons were bred airships and the military and civil developments of lighter-than-air machines, but interest diminished after some spectacular airship crashes and the focus switched to heavier-than-air craft. The commercial bottling of propane and the invention of rip-stop nylon, however, has brought the art full circle and hot-air ballooning has come back into fashion.

The British Balloon and Airship Club is in its seventh year; it has about 1,200 members and about 400 active pilots who fly more than 380 balloons. Newbury, the clearest airspace close to London, is the busiest ballooning centre, with Bristol a close second. A small but intensely keen group of pilots take part in competitive flying which is a kind of three-dimensional yacht race. Competitors use the layers of wind at different altitudes to blow them along a course they select beforehand, achieving remarkable degrees of accurate flying. British pilots take part in the European championships, dominated by Austria, and in the world championships, where American pilots have an edge achieved from greater experience.

Ballooning was quoted by the Sports Council as being the fastest-growing sport (they avoided saying fastest rising) and the larger of the meetings organized by the BBAC may attract a hundred or more brilliantly coloured craft bearing an assortment of promotional messages. Balloonists do not seem to worry too much about the aesthetic appearance of their balloons, only about the tranquillity of their flight.

"It can become quite hairy if there is strong turbulence about. That can even change the shape of the balloon," one pilot told me. These days, one pilot told me, the craft do not always drift across the sky like some gangsterman boiled sweet. A skittish wind may distort the

mouth of the envelope, closing it to the gusts of hot air that keep it aloft. But in calm air a good pilot can control his balloon so sensitively that it is possible to reach out and pick leaves from passing treetops.

Flight planning should start the evening before take-off with a careful study of the weather charts, satellite pictures and a word with the local meteorological station. The pilot checks which of his regular crew are available before setting his alarm clock for 5.30 am. Mr Ian Croshaw, a balloon pilot and director of Flamboyant Promotions, described the usual preparations. "In summer the air is best early in the morning before the ground has heated, and thermals (disturbing bubbles of hot air) have begun to rise. Glider pilots like them but they make ballooning very uncomfortable. A balloon performs best in thick, cool air with just a whiff of wind to give forward movement."

On a fine day there will be a flurry of telephone calls at about 5.45 am; the crew drag themselves out of bed and assemble in some dew-damp field by 6.30 am - true dedication when there is no compensation of a flight.

A dismantled balloon is a half-ton collection of gas-bottles, burners, basketwork and what appears to be an acre of rip-stop nylon that is laid out carefully on the grass. An ordinary ventilation fan is pointed at the mouth and lumps soon appear in the material that swell to greenhouse size and a saggy half-inflation. The pilot then aims the burner into the balloon mouth. "It's a bit like firing a machine gun", Ian Croshaw said. Gusts of hot air stiffen the envelope until it threatens to rise upright, 80ft or more tall.

The basket cables and the line controls that will release hot air from the envelope are checked, the propane burner with its assorted tanks, valves, hoses and vaporizing coil thoroughly inspected. The check list is long and the prudent balloonist will even check his basket for signs of "fungal growth". Although modern ballooning largely relies on the latest materials and technology, there is no substitute for the resilient, shock-absorbing qualities of willow. Hot air has breathed life into the balloon and slowly it is allowed to assume a vertical, delicate and negatively buoyant position. Passengers join the pilot in the basket after the final checks are completed. The crew are applying positive pressure to hold the basket on the ground. The pilot gives the famous ballooning order "Hands off" and fires a 9ft tongue of flame into the mouth. The balance of buoyancy is tipped and the balloon goes up. Often the operation is smooth and controlled, sometimes the pilot may call - scream even - "Hands on" if the aircraft is insufficiently buoyant and begins a threatening drift towards trees.

Once the balloon is airborne, flight is a staid, majestic progress over the unfolding landscape with an occasional roar of warmth erupting from the burner. It is the landing that gives the greatest opportunity for bizarre mishap. A balloon, after all, is merely a sack of hot air looking for somewhere to crash, and the case of the pilot who accidentally flew his balloon like a plump grouse in front of Lord Mountgarret's legs merely added one more to a legion of legends.

Don Cameron in his excellent *Ballooning Handbook* (Pelham Books, £8.50) quotes the case of a student pilot who presented himself and his balloon to a Civil Aviation Authority examiner for a flight test.

The balloon was laid out and checked, and everything was in order except the regulator for the pilot burner, which had been giving intermittent trouble on the previous flight. It seemed to be functioning however and it was decided that "it would be all right".

The weather was not perfect, but neither was it extreme, and the candidate began to show what he could do with a well-conducted take-off from shelter. He climbed out with just the right amount of lift, and was ready to burn to counteract the wind shear and loss of false lift when the pilot burner went out. Panic ensued in the basket and attempts to re-light the burner met with no success before it was inevitable that contact was going to be made with the garden of a little cottage dead ahead.

The likely possibilities narrowed from the garden in general to a small glass-house in particular and the next instant the air was filled with flying glass splinters and tomatoes. The balloon envelope wrapped the entire house, damaging nothing except the chimney pots, which were pulled off, unfortunately causing a deluge of soot in the interior.

The owner came to the door. "Would you like a cup of tea?" he asked.

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Flying down to Rio, Robin Laurance finds a heady mixture of beach and baroque

Soccer, sun and sanctity, all to a samba beat

Like Columbus before him, Pedro Cabral set sail to explore the East by sailing west. With a fleet of 13 ships he threw superstition to the wind and sailed for India. He landed in South America.

This, of course, was a stroke of extremely good luck, although just how good Cabral did not realize at the time. But he must have had a hunch about the place because he hurriedly claimed his new discovery for Portugal before loading his ships with fruit and setting off again for India with the sand of the new Brazil in the toes of his swashbuckling boots.

Travelling to Brazil these days has lost that spirit of adventure - a loss clearly understood by an aspiring Nelson Piquet who drove his formula one airport bus towards the centre of Rio with such vigour that a sense of adventure was very soon restored.

It was as we swung round the final bend into the Avenida Atlantica that the man sitting next to me asked the question. "You like the 'S'?" he inquired. Whereas the thrill of the ride had so far failed to stir him from his slumbers, the sight of Copacabana beach, with the surf tinged a light pink under the dawn sky still smouldering

from the night's storm, brought life to his tired eyes.

He took a crumpled cigarette packet and a gold pen from the breast pocket of his shirt and, holding the packet between us, began to write: "Sun... Sea... Sand... Soccer... Sex... Samba... Sun... You like the 'S'?" he said, "and you like Rio."

Rio de Janeiro is a glamorous city all right, teeming with pleasure-loving Cariocas whose laid-back attitude to life attracts the scorn of Brazilians who live elsewhere. God took six days to make the world, Cariocas will tell you, and spent the seventh on Rio. Which is why they spend so much time just enjoying the place, and why, looking down from the top of the Corcovado mountain under the outstretched arms of Christ, you can almost believe them.

Cariocas spend almost as much time on the beach as they do at home or in the office. They go to jog, to do their exercises and to play football. They go to pay homage to the sea goddess Iemanjá, to buy fish, to sell circus tickets, to raise money for charities and raise votes for politicians. They ride the surf, eat, sleep, drink and gossip. And they do it all with such style.

Fashions change. Copacabana

was once the place to go, then it was Ipanema; now they say it is Leblon. "Look at the girls of Rio", says one piece of tourist propaganda. "The greatest acreage of female pulchritude to be found at any one time in any one place. Anywhere else the female population would be up in arms at such blatant male charivariism. Not in Brazil. Here you can tell a girl how beautiful she is without feeling obliged to refer to the qualities of her mind."

Between the mountains, the sea and the acres of pulchritude, there is the city itself. Here in the fabric of the city there is beauty too, both ancient and modern. The colonial architects set their standards high - standards which their twentieth century successors have been at

pains to uphold. The Municipal Council Chamber and the Municipal Theatre next to it are beautifully preserved pieces of colonial splendour. So too is the Guanabara Palace where the state governor now has his office. In contrast, the headquarters of the state oil company Petrobras and the National Housing Bank building, both on the Avenida Chile, reflect the flair and daring of Brazil's contemporary architects, as does the new cathedral opposite.

It is in the churches that you find the most extravagant examples of seventeenth and eighteenth-century art and architecture. A short climb from the bustle of the Rio Branco brings you to the Monastery of São Bento. Not much to look at from the outside, the inside of the church is a gem of baroque splendour. Santa Luzia is worth finding in the shadows of the office buildings of the Esplanado do Castelo; and the beautiful little church of Nossa Senhora da Gloria, much favoured in earlier times by the imperial family, and framed between palm trees overlooking the Parque do Flamengo, has a main altar carved in wood and fine examples of blue-faced Brazilian tiling.

However, Rio's best attended place of worship is, by contrast, prosaic in design although never wanting in the sounds of praise. Maracana stadium is the largest football ground in the world, but still not large enough to satisfy a nation so completely and infatigably devoted to their national game. The roar of the good-humoured crowd here is unlike anything I have ever heard. I watched Flamengo beat Guarani one Sunday afternoon and found myself smiling all the way back to the hotel.

The sound of Maracana was still ringing in my ears when I took off the next morning for Belo Horizonte, the capital of the mining state of Minas Gerais. From there it was a two-hour comfortable bus ride to the former capital of the state, Ouro Preto. Between 1700 and 1800, 1,000 tons of gold and three million carats of diamonds produced wealth for the miners of the region, which makes the later Forty-niners look as though they were collecting the dole. Ouro Preto was a way of showing off this wealth.

From behind the church of São Francisco da Paula near the little bus station (seats on a bus back to Belo Horizonte should be booked when you arrive) you look down on what must be one of the finest examples of colonial and baroque architecture - homes, shops, churches - anywhere in the world. You wander through the cobbled streets finding new treasures round every corner. The carvings in soapstone and wood both inside the churches and on

the facades are magnificent. In the evening the tiles burned red and the white walls glowed orange before the sun was finally lost behind the canopy of hills.

There is a danger of suffering from acute cultural shock in moving from Ouro Preto to Brasilia, the country's capital, built from scratch just 20 years ago. There are already signs of decay, but the very concept of Brasilia says a lot about the energy of Brazilians and their faith in the future. For that it is worth a visit.

I arrived back in Rio in time for dinner at a favourite churrascaria - a restaurant where mixed grills are barbecued over huge open fires and then served with roasted manioc flour and salads. (Anyone with an insatiable appetite should head for a Churrascaria Rodizio where the chunks of steak, lamb, pork, and chicken keep on coming until you cry stop. At Mariu's it is best to wear shoes with hard toe-caps because the grills are skewered on very long knives which the waiters swing between the tables with alarming abandon.)

Wash it all down with a batida - the local brew of sugar alcohol mixed with fruit juice, sugar and crushed ice - and you will find it hard ever to look a pie and a pint in the eye again.



The Brazilian airline Varig, and British Caledonian operate scheduled services between London and Brazil. The excursion return fare is £226 for a minimum stay of two weeks. Budget shop fares on scheduled services can be very much lower - Travel Bazaar quotes a return fare of £520 via Lisbon on the Portuguese airline TAP. A Brazil Airpass costing \$330 (about £200) provides almost unlimited air travel within Brazil for a period of 21 days but it must be purchased in conjunction with a ticket to Brazil.

Hotels in Brazil - especially in Rio - range from the luxurious to the modest. Prices are generally a little lower than in comparable hotels in Europe. Many of the major tour operators offer package holidays to Brazil. There is no Brazilian tourist office in London, but the embassy (499 0677) will answer queries, and has a list of smaller tour operators specializing in Brazil. Visas are not required by travellers with British passports.

Rio de Janeiro is hottest and wettest from November to March. April and May are probably the best months for a visit. Tropical clothes with pullovers for the evenings are the order of the day.

It is best to take traveller's cheques in US dollars. Banks and hotels give a poor rate of exchange. Travel agents, tour guides and some gift shops and jeweller's offer a substantially higher rate. American Express is the most widely accepted credit card.

Street crime has been on the increase in recent years. Pickpocketing - especially on buses - is rife. Wallets and jewelry are best left in the hotel safe, and cameras should be concealed when not in use. Never leave anything unattended on the beach - even towels have a habit of walking.

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Sand, water and a little ingenuity are all it takes to keep your children happy, as Bob Tattersall explains

A playground in your own back garden

No matter how eagerly they rush home from school to start the summer holidays, there comes a point when the long summer break starts to pall for your children. A sure way of keeping boredom at bay is to give them their own pleasure garden. It could be easier than you think.

The two great play materials are sand and water, and providing them should present no great difficulty. A sandpit is just a hole in the ground filled with sand, though to succeed it needs some planning. The pit must not become waterlogged, the sand must not get washed away, and the local cats must not regard it as a toilet tray.

If your aim is to keep the pit intact for only five or six weeks of the holidays, you could line it with timber. The floor could be a sheet of hardboard (smooth and splinter-free) with two or three 25mm (1in) diameter holes drilled in it for drainage. On soggy ground, a little collection of stones or rubble under the holes act as miniature soakways.

Dig a pit, and build a rockery

Each side of such a pit could be lined with hardboard or for a longer life, two lengths of 150mm x 19mm (6in x 3/4in) wood nailed to stakes driven into the ground. A timber ledge laid flat on, and slightly overhanging, the sides complete the pit.

All nails should be punched well below the surface, and all the timber thoroughly sanded smooth to avoid splinters. You can apply a timber preservative (such as those from the new Dulux Woodcare range) to give your pit a longer life. Such a sandpit 1m square might cost about £15.

If you want a permanent pit, build it in concrete. It will cost you over twice as much, but it could be converted into a flower bed or pool when the children have grown.

Dig the hole, using the soil in the rest of the garden, perhaps to create a raised rockery. Ram the bottom well down and cover it with 75mm (3in) of hardcore, which again should be well rammed down. On top of this lay a 50mm (2in) thick floor of concrete - the general purpose

dry-mixed stuff sold in bags is ideal.

Place two battens or short lengths of broomstick in the concrete, while it is still wet, pulling them out as it hardens, to form drainage holes. Fill the holes with pebbles.

One way of ensuring a smooth floor is to apply a thin topping or screed, as it is called, of mortar, which you can buy dry mixed, to the concrete. The screed should be about 19mm (3/4in) thick.

The sides of the pit can be built up from concrete bricks. These are usually 215mm long, 100mm wide, and 65mm tall (roughly 9in x 4in x 2 1/2in, the same as clay bricks). So four courses, including the mortar, would give a depth of around 300mm (1ft). In calculating how many you will need, work on the basis that 60 bricks make a square metre of wall. The bricks need to be laid in a bond, but there is no need to cut any. Just let them project into the earth round the sides.

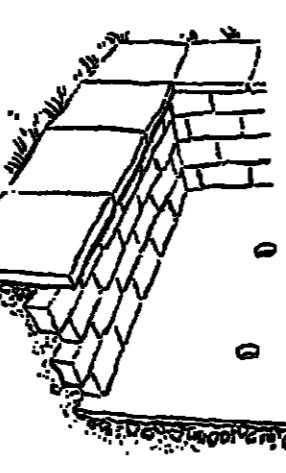
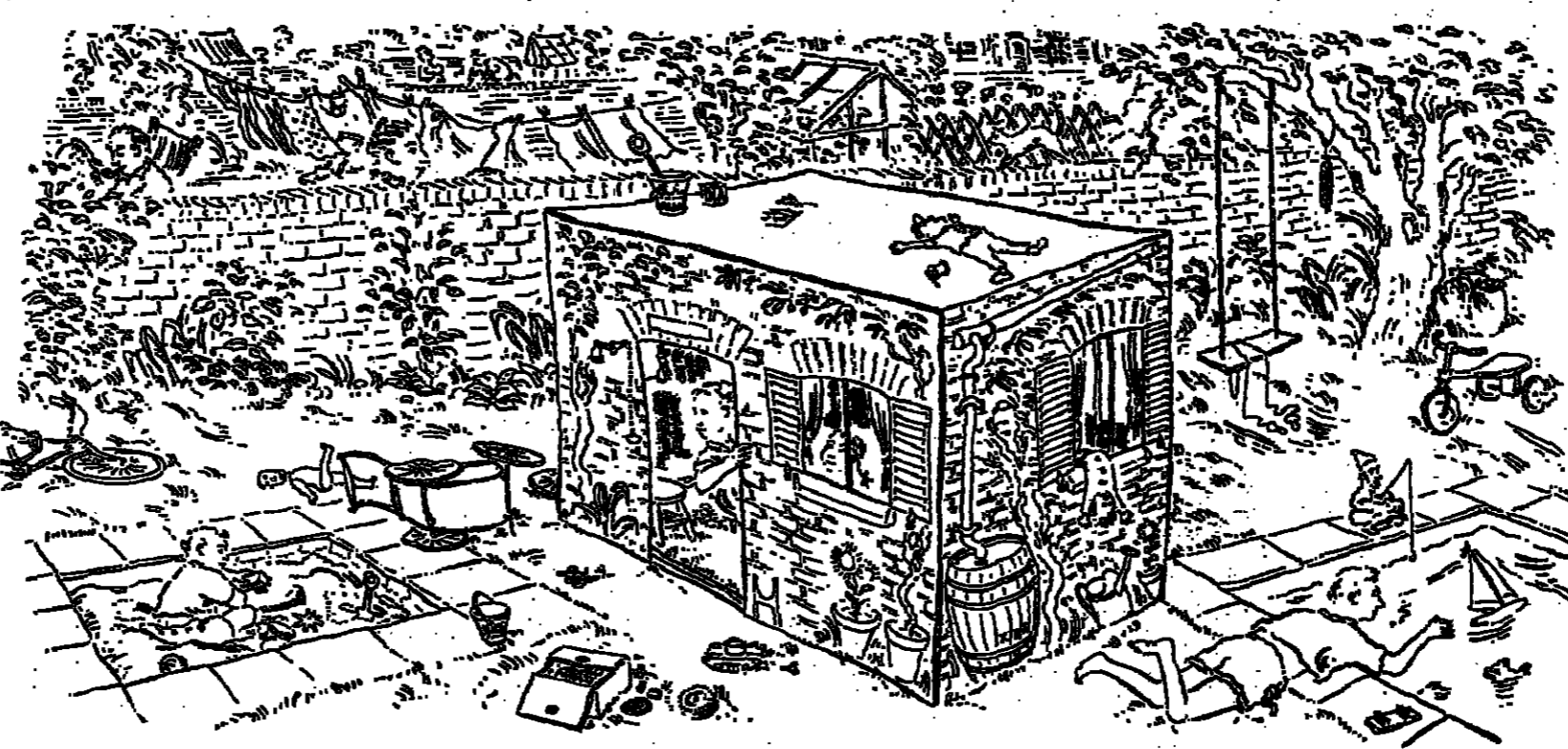
The surface of the bricks is a little rough. To stop young limbs from being grazed on it, face it with a rendering of 1 part cement to 1 1/2 soft sand, mixed to a creamy consistency. This can be brushed on with an ordinary old banister brush, and rubbed smooth with a ball of hessian.

A border of paving slabs gives a platform on which the child can build sand shapes, as well as a seat. You may even incorporate a sandpit into a patio, bringing it nearer the house (easier to keep an eye on the children); it will also look attractive in later years when it becomes a flower bed or pool.

The slabs should overhang the sides by about 25mm (1in) to keep the children's legs away from the sides. The slabs rest on top of the sides and a bed of hardcore, to which they should be cemented.

With any sand pit, you need a cover to keep the cats off. A piece of plastic-coated wire fixed to a framework of timber is best, allowing the rain to dampen the sand.

The type of sand to use is silver sand. Soft sand, the sort builders use for mortar, would do. For more information on concrete in the garden, write to the Cement and Concrete Association, 52 Grosvenor

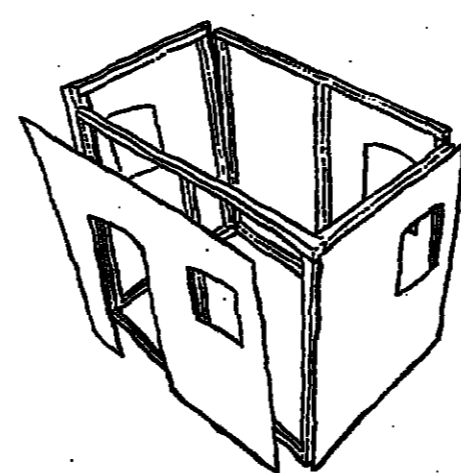


Sand for all seasons

For a permanent sand pit (left) dig your hole and ram the bottom down well. Cover with 75mm hardboard, ram down hard. Floor of concrete, 50mm deep, goes on top. The holes are made by inserting bits of broomstick while concrete dries and removing before it hardens. Fill holes loosely with pebbles; these are your drains. In later years your pit can become a sunken flower bed or ornamental pool.

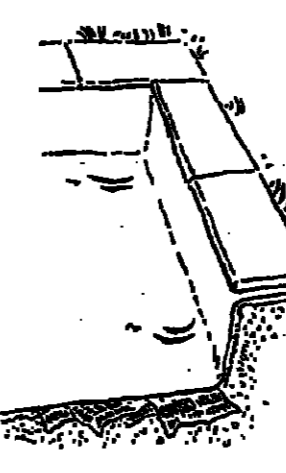
Home from home

A basic, knockdown, playhouse (near right) is easily constructed using a series of hardwood frames and hardboard cladding. No need for joints: the board holds the panels firm. Remember to punch nail heads firmly home and fill holes.



Cool pool

Using a plastic pool liner enables you to change the water. Line your hole with soft sand (or old newspaper); place liner loosely in position (right), overlapping top of hole and held down with bricks or paving. Water pushes the liner to shape. When your children grow bored, pool becomes a garden pond.



Gardens, London, SW1W

Water presents more difficulty than sand, because it needs to be purified, or changed regularly. It's still possible to give your children a pool in the garden, though, and you do so with a plastic pool liner set in a hole in the ground. A liner big enough for a pool 1.5m x 1m (say 5ft x 3ft) and a depth of 45cm (18in) would cost about £13. Dig the hole, line the bottom with soft material (soft sand is best, but old newspapers would do at a pinch) and place the liner loosely in position. It needs to overlap the top of the hole, and can be held in place just by bricks. Or you can give it a proper surround of paving slabs (costing about £1 each), under which the top of the liner would be trapped. As you fill it

with water, the liner will be pushed into shape.

Such a pool will not be as tough as a concrete one, but it will last a fair time (repair kits are available for the liner) and when the children grow up you can turn it into a garden pond.

Grottoes keep the goldfish happy

Talking of garden ponds, to give your children one of their own would keep them happy. There is no need to go to the trouble and expense of a permanent installation. Until you are sure their interest will last, use a large-diameter water-tight plastic tub; it will cost about £6, whereas a glass fibre one will cost £20 to £30, according to size.

The best ponds have a variety of levels. Create these in the tub by placing small plastic pots upside down in it. Cut holes in their sides to make grottoes for the fish to swim in and out. The pots should have holes in the bottom or they will float.

Do you have a tree with strong branches in your garden? If they are tough enough you could easily make a swing. You need a piece of good, solid timber (mahogany or other hardwood is best) 150 x 25mm (6in x 1in) about 350mm (14in) long; also some stout rope - a yacht chandler is a good source. Bore holes in the timber at least an inch from the edge, just big enough for the rope to pass through. Insert the rope and tie large knots underneath to secure it and act as a support. At the other end, tie the rope to

the branch, protecting the bark with a padding of leather.

Finally, what about a playhouse? It is best made up from a series of frames bolted together so that it can easily be dismantled for storage. The frames can be built of 38mm (1 1/2in) square timber clad with hardboard - you could use standard 900mm (3ft) or 1,200mm (4ft) square panels.

The hardboard is glued and nailed to the timber (punch the nail heads well home, and cover with filler). There is no need for joints at the corners of the frames; the hardboard will hold everything together. Cut holes for doors and windows. The children can join in the fun of painting the house - perhaps using special effects, such as trees growing up the side of it. The construction of such a

house becomes difficult only if you opt for a ridged (sloping) roof, so settle for a flat one. On all the panels you need a frame member on each edge, plus a vertical one in the middle and round any door openings. Such a cabin would cost £25 to £30.

For a more authentic log cabin effect, cover the sides with tongued and grooved matchboarding, using hardboard just for the roof. But that increases the price to £60 or £70.

But the cheapest playhouse of all would be made up from spare bits of fabric fitted over a patio table. The children play in the house during the day. As bath-time approaches, the house is removed, and the table reverts to its former role, as you sit around it with a well earned apritif.

DRINK

Winners by a nose at Ascot

After one of the wettest introductions to summer anyone can remember, it may be tempting fate to recommend any sunny, sunny wines at all at this time in the European wine calendar and if this month is wet, the prospects of a good 1983 harvest will look increasingly remote.

Most of the vineyards are already two weeks late, so I suppose we should be grateful for the good 1982 vintage. Still, bad weather has never stopped the British celebrating their traditional summer events, and with Glyndebourne now in full swing, Ascot just over a week away and Wimbledon the week after that, everyone is on the look out for wines to match these occasions.

Picking in the rain need not be as depressing as it sounds either, provided you lay on plenty of wine, so this year do not bother to fill the ice-box with the finest white burgundies; just make sure you include one of my June wines.

Baden, just across the Rhine from Alsace, is a large German wine region that few of us know anything about, chiefly because its early and slightly dull wines have always been in the German second division. But German second division is not fair, for Baden boasts one of, if not the largest of Europe's cooperatives - ZBW at Sreischach. ZBW wines are usually good value, and their somewhat boringly named Baden Dry (Victoria Wine £2.49) with its fresh, grapy nose and equally fresh, dry taste is no exception. Its lively, sunny character should match most summer dishes.

Chablis is probably the last wine anyone trying to keep down costs would think of, and I, at any rate, have always found its subtle charms rather over-estimated. But last summer Marks & Spencer introduced an '81 chablis from Rémy le Fort (actually a sous main from one of the region's finest producers - the Caves Cooperative La Chablisienne) for a ridiculously low price. The good news is that this wine still looks a bargain priced at £3.99 and it has

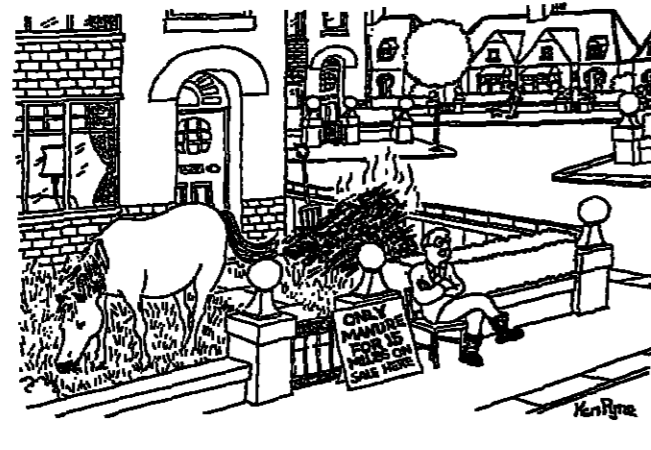


JUNE WINES

IN THE GARDEN

The right meal for the best soil

To ensure the healthy, vigorous growth of plants, it is essential constantly to replace in the soil vital minerals which they absorb from it.



Good quality farmyard manure contains all the elements that a plant needs, and is undoubtedly the best substance to use; it adds not only humus, but chemicals necessary to maintain good soil structure. It should be used in the winter so that it has a chance to break down before the plants begin to look for nutrients. It should not be introduced to areas where planting is about to take place, but reserved for ground that will remain fallow until the spring.

Organic composts are the next best material for replenishing soil. Ordinary garden compost is good; although it contains little nutrient for the plants themselves, it adds organic matter that refreshes dry, hungry soil that would otherwise be unable to retain fertilizers.

The main plant foods are nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium and magnesium. Less essential nutrients include a large range of chemicals - boron, manganese, molybdenum and sulphur, to name

include dried blood and hoof and horn meal. Inorganics are sulphate of ammonia, nitro-chalk and urea.

Phosphorus can be applied in the form of superphosphate, bonemeal or basic slag. Bonemeal is organic, the others inorganic. These also are best supplied to young plants, although there is no hard and fast rule; all are relatively slow acting.

COLLECTING

New light on blue and white

"English porcelain, being more often unmarked than marked, offers first-rate sport to the collector", Bernard Rackham wrote in 1927. "It provides unrivalled opportunities for making mistakes."

An opportunity to deepen one's knowledge of the subject, and so lessen the likelihood of making mistakes, presents itself next week when Simon Spero's exhibition of English blue and white porcelain, covering the period 1750-1800, opens at 109 Kensington Church Street, London W9.

The words of Bernard Rackham - he was the first in a succession of famous keepers of the Victoria & Albert Museum - apply with special relevance to English blue and white porcelain, because in this group there is even less help with attribution than with the polychrome wares or figures. In place of the characteristic palette of coloured enamels, which is a major factor in identifying particular factory's products, there are only the

many varying shades and depths of underglaze cobalt, ranging from bright ultramarine to pale cornflower-blue.

Knowing the correct attribution of a piece may or may not make it more desirable, and even unattributed blue and white can be satisfying, and collecting "by eye" is rewarding in its self. There are both important, and merely aesthetically pleasing, pieces in the exhibition by Simon Spero, a dealer/collector, incidentally, who is rapidly becoming the leading expert in this sphere. Here every major factory is represented except Chelsea.

Nobody has seen it all before. Among the exceptionally fine things in the exhibition are the flat wares and beaker cups. For example, the Worcester circular displays two early circular plates of about 1753, one of which is unrecorded; both are highly desirable and masterpieces in their class. They are rare because Worcester had great difficulty in making any plates or dishes at that time.

All the frills of theatrical history

Connoisseurs of theatrical events, having tired of the long-running show that closes nationally on Thursday, will find at Sotheby's an alternative distraction that could quite upstage anything the auction has to offer. Works by some of the greatest names in theatre design, including a group of lovely Eric designs for *Aladin* (1929), bought in 1967 by actress Miriam Karlin and expected to fetch more than 20 times their original price, are coming under the hammer in Bond Street, London W1. That year was an important one, marking the first of the auction house's regular theatrical sales prompted by interest in the Ballet Russes.

The forthcoming Sotheby's sale is one of a series of events for theatre buffs. On June 29 Christie's enter the lists with their first sale of theatrical material, part of a decorative arts sale; while on Wednesday next an exhibition - "Eric and the Folies-Bergère" - opens at Off Stage, a bookshop in Chalk Farm Road, north London.

Among the ephemera is a huge album of photographs of Russian dancers, actors and music-hall performers, dating from 1890 to 1920. Isadora Duncan (who danced in Russia) is represented and is also portrayed in a 1912 figurine by Charpentier-Mis.

The best of the Eric's is a delicious 1926 costume for *The Treasures of Indo-China*, presented at the Alcazar de Marseilles. It could easily sell for more than £2,500. Later drawings by the still active 91-year-old artist should go for £300 to £400.

The most interesting British items in the sale are Paul Nash's setting for Ibsen's *Lady from the Sea* (possibly £1,000) and some Rex Whistler costume designs for the 1934 Cochrane revue *Streamline*.

Christie's June 29 sale will concentrate on original costumes - superb examples designed by Matisse, Golovin, Gontcharova and Balst. Museum pieces really, but suitably arranged and framed they will make spectacular decorations.

Both the Sotheby's sale on June 9 and the Christie's auction on June 29 allow previews for a week before. Off Stage, 37 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1, holds its exhibition from June 7 to July 3, daily including Saturdays and Sundays, not Mondays. Collectors of theatrical ephemera should visit David Drummond's enchanting emporium at 11 Cecil Court, London WC2, and Valerie Harris's Quadrille, 27 Craven Terrace, London W2.

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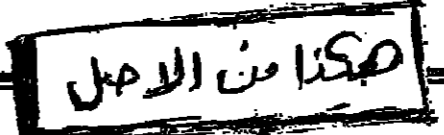
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REVIEW Rock records of the month



Embellishing the epitaph of reggae's brightest son

BOB MARLEY
Confrontation
Tuff Gong ILPS 9780
To its credit, Bob Marley's record company has resisted until now the urge to issue every available fragment of his unrelaxed output...

weaknesses for comfort, arising solely from the quality of the songwriting. A high proportion of these songs find Marley treating his Rastafarian interests without the freshness and imagination we came to expect...



Master of the genre: Three faces of the late Bob Marley, Jamaica's musical ambassador

The overdubbing and mixing accomplished after Marley's death are thoroughly idiomatic and do the music no disservice whatsoever. The mix of "Rastaman Live Up", for instance, is certainly softer than that of the Jamaican single issued during Marley's lifetime...

As a whole, however, Confrontation has rather too many

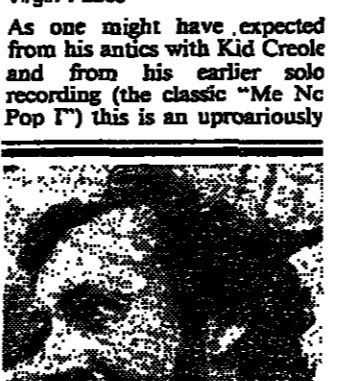
RICHARD THOMPSON
Hand of Kindness
Hannibal HMBL 1313
Last year's Shoot out the Lights provided Richard and Linda Thompson with a grand success d'estime in America...

Several of Thompson's new songs seem to have been conceived with this instrumentation in mind: the horns are so cleverly integrated into the rowdy rock 'n' roll of "Tear Stained Letter"...

guitar finale, while his singing has never sounded better than in the title song, which also displays his ability to concoct memorable hook phrases without being superficial.

PHIL EVERLY
Capital EST 27670
Who could resist "She Means Nothing to Me", with its mature power-pop combination of Mark Knopfler's throated-back twangy guitar...

COATI MUNDI
The Former 12-year-Old Genius
Virgin V 2269
As one might have expected from his antics with Kid Creole and from his earlier solo recording (the classic "Me No Pop I") this is an uproariously



Richard Thompson: Something of a triumph

funny album rooted in pin-sharp musicianship. Andy Hernandez's Coati Mundi character is a manic vibrator, harpist and a master of Latin rap capable of a hilarious send-up of his rivals and of the whole jive-talk idiom in "Everybody's on an Ego Trip"...

As with Kid Creole, the slapstick playlets inserted into the songs often make them seem like half-mystifying extracts from some futuristic Broadway musical set in a Spanish Harlem disco. Mundi's marimba-powered version of Captain Beefheart's "Tropical Hot Dog Night", should not be missed.

NEW ORDER
Power, Corruption, Lies
Factory FAC 75
The time has come to call a halt to the plundering of the legacy bequeathed by the Velvet Underground of Lou Reed and John Cale, and New Order's LP, widely acclaimed, may as well mark the point. Born out of the ashes of the similarly oriented Joy Division, the Manchester

quartet have spent the past couple of years broadening their means and focusing their conception to the point where they are now masters of a very limited style.

It is impossible to remain unimpressed by the crisp certainty of Bernard Albrecht's guitar structures, upon which the songs are hung, and by the authority of his vocal delivery, which resembles a younger Reed. Equally, however, there seems to be no message to the blank nihilism expressed in Stephen Morris's flatly mechanical drumming.

JON HASSELL
Aka/Darbar/Java
Editions EG EGED 31
The meandering introversion of Jon Hassell's synthesized trumpet music is not to everyone's taste, but those who relish multi-ethnic experiment may find themselves charmed by what he calls "a proposal for a coffee-coloured classical music of the future"...

With disco mixology so much in vogue, this low-price presentation of remixed, or eight previously released tracks, is a good idea and allows us to hear the second thoughts of their producers, the enormous

a languidly unassertive noise, after its filtration through a battery of electronic devices, but to these ears a unique initiative of full pensive beauty. This is his third album for Editions EG; while it may lack the sustained melodic appeal of the first, Possible Music, in favour of more episodic structures, it holds the attention on his courageous search for a novel means of expression.

EARL KLUGH
Low Ride
Capitol EST 12253

Of all the denizens of the jazz-funk jungle, Earl Klugh seems most naturally suited to his surroundings. A rarity by virtue of his preference for the guttural acoustic guitar, he has a clear affinity with the narcotic ticking rhythms and lush keyboard textures which characterize this particular idiom of dance music and, since we have never heard him in a purer jazz context, we have no image of him as a talent lost to commerce.

Low Ride is a remarkably pleasant album, benefiting in particular from the professional skill of the keyboardist Greg Phillinganes, from arrangements by old-time West Coast jazzers Clare Fisher, Dave Matthews and Johnny Mandel, and, rather less so, from the addition of voices on four tracks.

It does, however, contain one bona fide classic: all it would take for the charmingly graceful melody of "Just Like Yesterday" to echo around the world would be its use as the theme of the right Hollywood film. Those who still miss the regular output of Booker T and the MGs should investigate this compact, infernally addictive track; they may then find themselves thoroughly seduced by Klugh's delicate touch throughout the whole record.

IMAGINATION
Night Dubbing
R&B RBDUB 1

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mously successful team of Steve Jolley and Tony Swain (recently responsible for Spandau Ballet's "Truth"). I must confess a lasting preference for the straightforward original versions of such as "Body Talk", "Music and Lights" and "Just an Illusion", which represent perhaps the most perfectly realized pop music of the decade so far, but this is a fascinating primer in the re-sounding of the contemporary recording studio.

B. B. KING
Blues 'n' Jazz
MCA MCF3170

Short of taking him back to the Delta and setting him down on a sharecropper's porch with a jug-band, this LP represents just about as marked a departure from the usual formula of King's recordings as could be envisaged. His helpmates are such jazz veterans as the Texan saxophonists Arnett Cobb and Don Wilkerson and the smooth New York mainstream rhythm section of Milt Hinton (bass) and Oliver Jackson (drums), and there has been an obvious attempt to write or to find material suitable to the line-up. It does not quite work - mainly because, with the exception of a few fire-breathing eruptions from the wonderful Cobb, King hogs the spotlight; and, after all this time, uninterrupted dosages of his voice and guitar can get wearying.

Richard Williams



John Hassell: Lyrical meditations

Phil Everly: Instinct curbed

PREVIEW Theatre

The sea change and the suffering

The words of the dead and the living come together in Falkland Sound at the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs next week. Devised by the director, Max Stafford-Clark, the resident dramatist Louise Page, and the rest of the company, the show uses material from their interviews with servicemen and civilians on both sides. But one leading character is already familiar: Lieutenant David Tinker, killed in HMS Glamorgan in the final days of the war...

In preparing that book, Hugh Tinker decided not to confine it to the Falklands period but to give a complete picture of his son's life through his letters and poems. That suggested to the Royal Court team a similar approach to their own new documentary material.

As Stafford-Clark's assistant, Simon Curtis, put it: "Max's enthusiasm for the David Tinker letters was not merely because of their intrinsic interest - seeing how Tinker changed his opinion about the war while writing the letters and so on - but because they gave a real picture of a particular English life, which is so rarely portrayed on stage. So with the interviews..."

"We wanted to explore a great range of other people whose lives were affected by the war. We spoke to several members of the task force; several of the journalists; somebody who was in Argentina while the war was happening; an Argentine woman who was in London at the time, pregnant with an Anglo-Argentine baby; another woman who had left after living in the Falklands for 20 years, but still had a lot of her family living in one of the settlements that saw a lot of activity during the war; several members of the Anglo-Argentine community; and several servicemen's wives."

"In the early stages we interviewed everyone as a company - six or eight at a time asking questions, then we talked it afterwards, sifted what was interesting and took that further. So it isn't simply a study of the war; it's making theatre, art, out of lives. And we

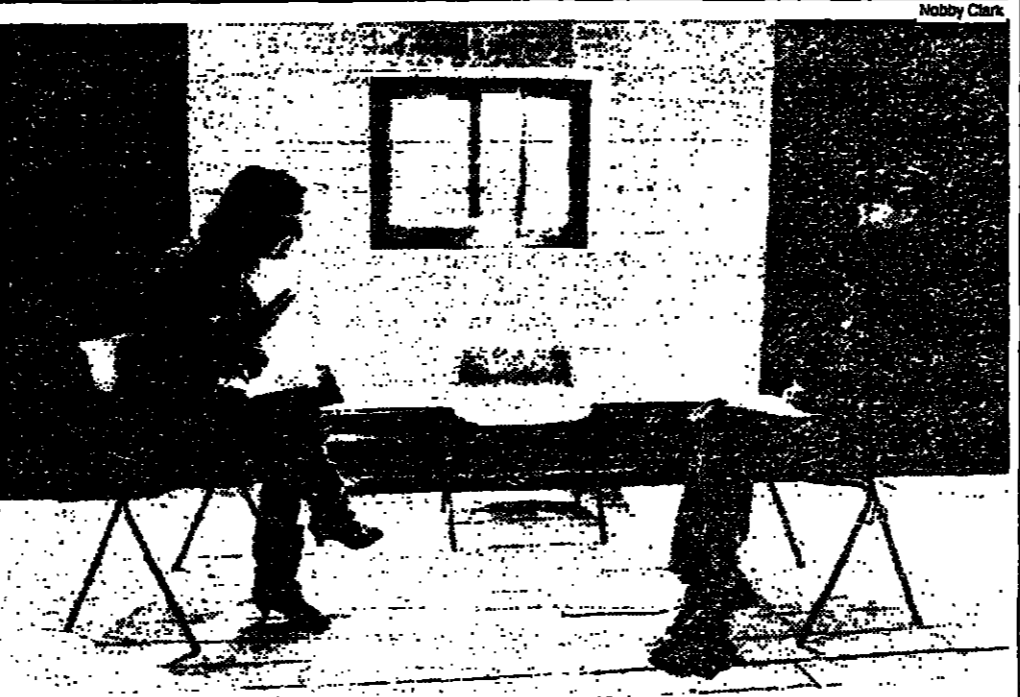
staging (originally at the King's Head); but the production's speed and sparkle make it an intoxicating evening.

NOISES OFF
Savoy (836 8888)
Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm. The funniest farce for years. Michael Frayn's brilliantly contrived complex of on-stage disasters and backstage dramas is still keeping houses full and audiences helpless with laughter after its first casting change. Phyllida Law, Benjamin Whitrow and the rest of Michael Blakemore's crack company give it the best of both worlds, the commercial hit and the connoisseur's classic.

THE REAL THING
Strand (836 2650)
Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm. Highly uncharacteristic play by Tom Stoppard, starring Roger Rees as a successful playwright who discovers true love at the cost of his marbles, a fate the play shares with its protagonist, despite much ingenuity, some marvelous writing and a gallant performance by Felicity Kendal.

THE RIVALS
Olivier (828 2252)
Today, June 6 and 10 at 7.15pm; Matinee today at 2pm. In repertory Peter Wood's sparkling revival of Sheridan fulfils the promise of its cast list. Geraldine McEwan as a young but hilariously affected Mrs Matropop, Sir Michael Hordern, curly and irascible, Patrick Ryecart as a witty hero and Tim Curry as the Devonshire squire bringing a fresh air to the world of the minute.

MR CINDERS
Fortuna (836 2238)
Mon-Fri at 8pm; Sat at 5.30pm and 8.45pm; matinee Thurs at 3pm. Packed with enchanting songs and boasting a witty performance by Denis Lawson of acrobatic brilliance, Vivian Ellis's 1929 musical recasts Cinderella in the anyone-for-tennis age. Modest



Falklands flashback: Lesley Manville and Marion Bailey relive the war

detail and his abundant personality, he would surely have made the most striking contribution to those sessions round the tape recorder in Sloane Square.

ANTHONY MASTERS
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ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 3471). Daily, 10am-6pm. (June 14 and 15, special days for the disabled only.) Admission £2; students, pensioners, unemployed £1; Mondays 50p for all. Until Aug 28. One of the most popular events in the art world, a social occasion as well as a chance for Academicians to make the headlines with their latest creations. With 1,483 exhibits this year, there should be plenty of talking points.

CARPETS INTO PAINTINGS
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (839 3321). Until July 24, Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. A timely supplement to the stunning collection of great oriental carpets at the Hayward, this show gives us chapter and verse, from the permanent collection of the National Gallery, about the use of oriental carpets in sixteenth-century European art. This was so widespread and noticeable that certain carpets are known in the

WEST BY THE NAMES OF THE ARTISTS who most frequently featured them: Holbein, Lotto, Bellini, Crivelli and others.

THE ESSENTIAL CUBISM
Tate Gallery (839 3144), London SW1 (821 1313). Until July 10, Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm. The most spectacular collection of Cubist masterpieces to have been brought together in this country since the inception of the movement itself. The intention of the show is to educate us in the central role played by Cubism in the careers of several major figures of twentieth-century art, and in the evolution of modern art as a whole. And at the same time to knock us sideways with the sheer impact of so many monuments together.

MANCHESTER: Young Exchange Theatre, Corn Exchange (061 833 9833). Masterpieces by Sarah Daniels. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Sat at 4.30pm. A new play, specially commissioned for Young Exchange, rounds off an ambitious first season in the company's new, mobile venue. STRATFORD: Royal Shakespeare (0789 295523). Twelfth Night. Today at 7.30pm. Directed by John Caird, with Miles Anderson, Gemma Jones, John Thew, Zsófia Wanzmaker, Daniel Massey and Emrys James. Julius Caesar. Today at 1.30pm. Directly by Ron Daniels, with Joseph O'Connor, David Schofield, Gemma Jones, Emrys James, Peter McEnery. STRATFORD: The Other Place (0789 295523). The Time of Your Life by William Somerset Maugham. Today at 2pm. In repertory. The first RSC production of Saroyan's gentle comedy of the Depression years, set in a waterfront bar in San Francisco. Directed by Howard Davies.

PREVIEW Galleries

RICHARD ZIEGLER
Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (435 2543). Until June 21, Mon-Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. Ziegler, now 92, belongs to the same German generation as George Grosz and Otto Dix, and shared with them in the 1920s the same mordant attitude to life around him in Berlin streets and cafés. He was also as brilliant a draughtsman as they, and his best drawings from the period achieve the maximum pungency with the minimum number of lines.

JOSEPH EMBERTON/ERNO GOLDFINGER
Architectural Association, 34-36 Bedford Square, London WC1 (636 0974). Until June 25, Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-3pm. Two prominent figures in British architecture between the wars but otherwise sharply contrasted - Emberton, architect of Simpson's, Piccadilly, and an exponent of deco/moderne, Goldfinger (who is 80 this year) an austere modernist who always regarded himself as classical. Drawings and photographs tell both tales.

ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 3471). Daily, 10am-6pm. (June 14 and 15, special days for the disabled only.) Admission £2; students, pensioners, unemployed £1; Mondays 50p for all. Until Aug 28. One of the most popular events in the art world, a social occasion as well as a chance for Academicians to make the headlines with their latest creations. With 1,483 exhibits this year, there should be plenty of talking points.

CARPETS INTO PAINTINGS
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (839 3321). Until July 24, Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. A timely supplement to the stunning collection of great oriental carpets at the Hayward, this show gives us chapter and verse, from the permanent collection of the National Gallery, about the use of oriental carpets in sixteenth-century European art. This was so widespread and noticeable that certain carpets are known in the

WEST BY THE NAMES OF THE ARTISTS who most frequently featured them: Holbein, Lotto, Bellini, Crivelli and others.

THE INSPIRATION OF EGYPT
Brighton Museum and Art Gallery, Church Street, Brighton (0273 603005). Until July 17, Tue-Sat 10am-5.45pm, Sun 2-5pm. This year's summer exhibition in Brighton is all about Egypt - not the country itself so much as the reflections of it and its art in European culture over, principally, the past two centuries. From the first big wave of interest occasioned by Napoleon's Egyptian campaign and its scholarship by-products through Tutankhamun fever to Elizabeth Taylor, the spell has been constant, if somewhat erratic in its effects; and this show does not skip on the bizarre as well as the beautiful.

THE EASTERN CARPET IN THE WESTERN WORLD
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (821 3144). Until July 10, Mon-Thurs 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon - 6pm. Arts Council's big contribution to the oriental carpet summer which seems to be upon us is this display of carpets as they first burst upon the West when imported between the fifteenth and seventeenth centuries. In all, about 80 carpets demonstrate not only the riches and variety of the East, but also the strong influence such pieces exerted on Renaissance and Baroque art in Europe - and not only on western carpets, but also on other branches of art, where the decorative motifs and sumptuous colouring had considerable effect.

THE ESSENTIAL CUBISM
Tate Gallery (839 3144), London SW1 (821 1313). Until July 10, Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm. The most spectacular collection of Cubist masterpieces to have been brought together in this country since the inception of the movement itself. The intention of the show is to educate us in the central role played by Cubism in the careers of several major figures of twentieth-century art, and in the evolution of modern art as a whole. And at the same time to knock us sideways with the sheer impact of so many monuments together.

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Photography

BECKY COHEN
The Photographers' Gallery, 5 & 6 Great Newport Street, London WC2. Tues-Sat 11am-7pm. Until June 11. I viewed this exhibition with four photographers, all of whom considered it as contrived and pretentious nonsense. Be that as it may I found the pictures of a nude man sleeping and swimming to be a genuine attempt to find a means of honest expression; the pictures' resonance went beyond their borders. The photographer is on less sure ground with her series Clearing 1979-80, where the more mundane subject matter overlaid with words seems rather banal.

FELIX MAN
The Victorian & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7. Mon-Thurs 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm. Seven decades of reportage photography by Felix Man - 92 this year - one of the founders of the photo-journalist movement whose early work appeared in Weekly Illustrated and Picture Post. A fascinating view of this century's changes.

FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY
Impressions Gallery, 17 Colindale Avenue, London NW9 (834 54724). Tues-Sat 10am-6pm. Ambitious exhibition dealing with flash photography from its beginnings in 1851, when Fox Talbot used the light of an electric spark to capture an image of a rotating copy of The Times. Many of the more recent pictures explore what would otherwise be invisible to the naked eye. Work by Pasquale, Peter, Vanice and White, Klein and many others. Not to be missed.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

What's new on the GLC South Bank? Royal Festival Hall. Open 10am-10.30pm. Free lunchtime music.

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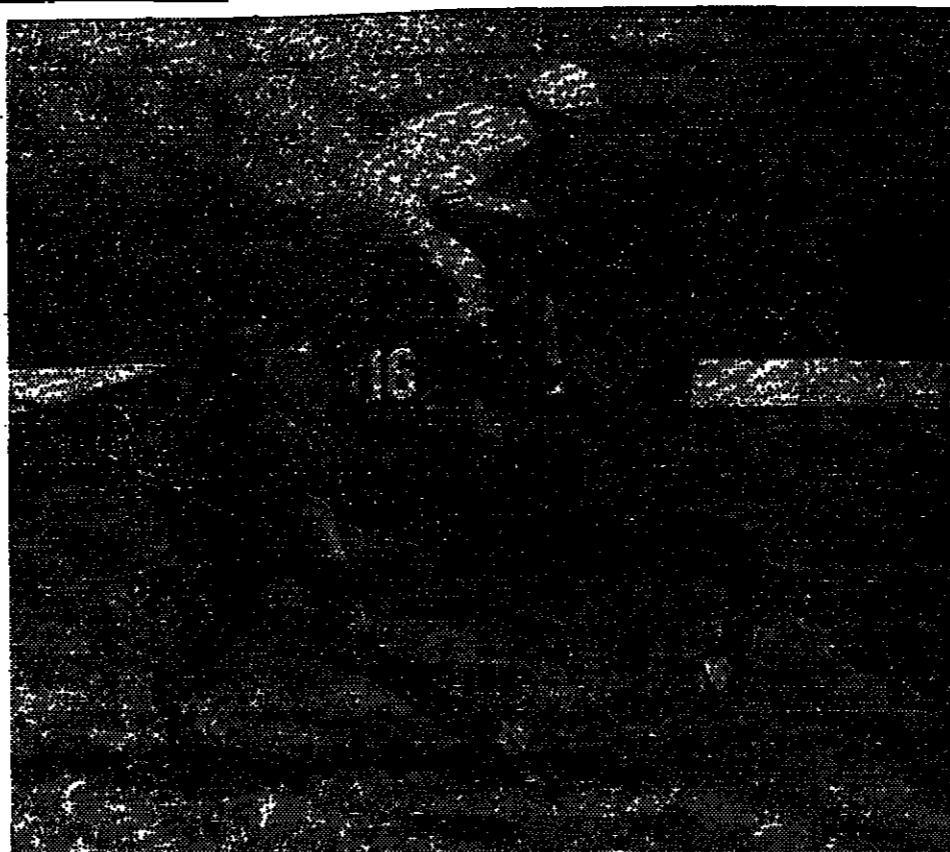
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RACING: THE OAKS AT EPSOM

Alexandrie to provide classic French encore

With Smuggly just winning the French three-year-old fillies race superior to those trained in England this year will be put to the test again at Epsom today in the Oaks. Victories for Gallic challengers in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket and the Irish 1,000 Guineas at The Curragh have already pointed to that being so.

Shore Line, whose full sister won the Park Hill Stakes over a mile and three quarters at Doncaster, looks just the type to be running on strongly and perhaps sneaking a place, by outstriking those with stamina limitations. Whether she quite has the class of Alexandrie and Sun Princess is another matter, though. What is certain is that she will run better than she did in the 1,000 Guineas because she was one degree under that day, and returned home with all sorts of coughs, colds and diseases.



Sun Princess chasing a third Oaks success for Dick Hern

Time for Jones to show his ankles can stand the strain

High Jones, who has not raced a marathon since his triumph in last year's London event, will discover this afternoon just how much his progress has been restricted by the success of his injuries. A place in the British team for the World Championships in Helsinki in August awaits Jones should he run under 2hr 17min in the Stockholm marathon. That qualifying time should be well within the capabilities of Jones, whose time of 2hr 20min 24sec at London in 1982 put him among the top half dozen in the world.

Oaks field

Table listing race details for the Oaks field, including race number, name, distance, and participants.

Rest of the Epsom programme

Table listing details for other races in the Epsom programme, including Acorn Stakes, Ebbisham Handicap, and Abbots Hill Handicap.

Headline Handicap

Table listing details for the Headline Handicap race.

Romania accept invitation to repel boarders

Romania will make a short tour of England during summer 1984 after an official invitation issued to them by Derek Morgan, manager of the England Under-23 party, at the end of which visit to the Northumbria International Regatta at Holme Pierrepont this weekend. The Romanians, who have toured Ireland, Wales and Scotland during the last four years, were delighted to accept.

Market Rasen

Table listing race results and details for Market Rasen.

Drumalis the pick for Italian prize

Drumalis (Steve Causton) and Belle (P. Causton) will be the first two placed in the £26,834 Premio Emilio Tarati at Milan tomorrow.

Haydock called off

Today's Haydock Park meeting was cancelled because parts of the course were waterlogged. Yesterday's meeting was also lost. This brings the total number of Flat meetings lost this season to 33.

Stratford

Table listing race details for the Stratford races.

Catterick Bridge

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Irwin looks for breaks

David Irwin was one of the first names that the Lions selectors wrote down when choosing the team for today's first international against New Zealand at Christchurch. For just a few men the tour has gone well and Irwin is one of its lucky beneficiaries.

MOTOR CYCLING

Britons to show the way

Four British riders mounted on works machines can be expected to dominate the blue ribbon formula one and classic races in the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy races which begin today. This year's racing is an almost entirely British affair.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Air shows



The summer London air shows... September (Ian Gould writes)... MALOU: West German film... OCTOPUSSY: The new James Bond film... HENRY VIII: The first Stratford production for 14 years... INNER VOICES: British premiere of a mystery black comedy... THE GREAT KLIM SHOW: An extensive and revising selection of Near Eastern carpets... WORLD CUP CRICKET: In the opening matches of the Prudential World Cup... MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: A Grecian harp made by Sebastian Erard of Great Marlborough Street... HALLOWEEN IS: SEASON OF THE WITCH: Tony Lee Wallace directs a new tale of events on October 31...

Today

EXPLORING LONDON: Four walks organized by the Victorian Society start today with a tour of south London churches, led by Anthony Symonds; meet at St Peter's, Vauxhall (corner of Kennington Lane and Tyler's Street) 10am. Tomorrow: architectural delights of Brompton and South Kensington, meet outside Harrods, Knightsbridge, 2.30pm. Tues: Bentley's buildings in Hammersmith, meet West London Hospital, 6pm. Thurs: Ladbroke Estate, meet Holland Park Station, 6.30pm. Cost £1; tour notes supplied.

THE OAKS: The unlucky Barry Hills, who trained the horses which finished second and third in last year's race, will be hoping to go one better with either Cormorant Wood, ridden by Derby winner Lester Piggott, or Ski Sailing, with the American jockey Steve Cauthen. The race starts at 3pm and there will be live coverage from Epsom in ITV's World of Sport.

THE LEVIN INTERVIEWS: In the first of a new series, Bernard Levin talks to the violinist, Isaac Stern; others coming under his quizzical scrutiny include Sir Michael Edwards, V. S. Naipaul, Lord George Brown, Aaron Copland, Sir Laurence van der Post, Sir Peter Medawar and Henry Moore. BBC2 8.50-9.20pm.

FOOTLIGHTS: A celebration of 100 years of the Cambridge Footlights, the oldest and most influential of Britain's university revue clubs. Among the famous Footlights "graduates" taking part in its programme of sketches and reminiscences are John Cleese, Bill Oddie, Jonathan Miller, David Frost, Germaine Greer, Jimmy Edwards and Richard Murdoch. BBC1 9.55-10.55pm.

AS YOU LIKE IT: The New Shakespeare Company brave the English summer with Richard Digby Day's production, headed by John Curry and Louise Jameson. Open Air Theatre, Regents Park, London NW1 (486 2431). Opens today. Previews June 4, Mon-Sat at 7.45pm; matinees Wed, Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm.

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THE KING MUST DIE: An adaptation, in 11 parts, of Mary Renault's historical novels, The King Must Die and The Bull From the Sea, following the story of Theseus, the legendary hero of ancient Greece, from his childhood to the period as hostage of King Minos and his years of bondage. A strong cast is headed by Gary Bond (as Theseus), Petra Markham, Malcolm Stoddard and Esmond Knight. Radio 4, 9.02-9.58pm.

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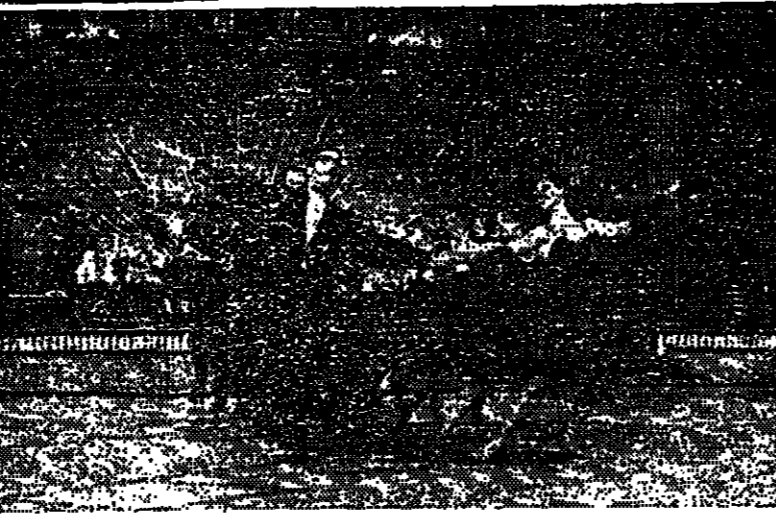
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Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe (Queen's Club, tomorrow) Hank Frank and Peggy Spencer's dance team (See Come Dancing, Wed)

Tuesday

RAILWAY ART: The brass namplate of the Sir Lancelot locomotive, a Southern Railway King Arthur Class engine, which was donated to Lord Tenynson on the locomotive's retirement, features in a sale today. Also railway literature, pictures, prints, postcards, photographs, magazines and tickets. Christie's South Kensington, London SW7 (581 2231) 2pm.

JERZY SKOLIMOWSKI SEASON: A retrospective survey of the mischievous talent of wandering Polish director Skolimowski begins today with the comedy Innocent Sorcerers. Future attractions include Barrier (June 14), Le Depart (June 15) and the dazzling Deep End (June 17). National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3232), until June 29.

FALKLAND SOUNDS: Play about the war in the South Atlantic (see Theatre, page 5) and 2.30 pm each day.

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG DOG: The first stage production of Dylan Thomas' anthology of childhood memories, receiving its London premiere. Jonathan Petherbridge draws on 10 actors from Theatre Cwylwy to portray 55 characters, in his own adaptation. King's Head, 115 Upper Street, London N1 (226 1919). Previews from today, Mon-Sat at 8pm, dinner at 7pm. For a season.

HI-DE-HI: Stage premiere of the popular BBC sitcom, set in a holiday camp in 1959. Written by Jimmy Perry and David Croft, with Simon Cadogan, Paul Shane, Ruth Madoc, Jeffrey Holland, and Ben Warriss making a guest appearance. Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham (021 643 1231). Today at 7.30pm June 8-11 at 8pm and 8.30pm. On tour.

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INTERIORS OF THE EAST: All sorts of beauties such as might grace the cultivated oriental home in India, China, Japan or throughout Islam. The works range from Japanese furniture of great delicacy to Indian sculpture of moderate (but religious) idelicity, in the shape of a massive black basalt lingam, and there are recent discoveries such as the splendid bronze Fighting Cook from the Indian subcontinent. Michael Goodrich, Colnagh Oriental, 14 Old Bond Street, London W1 (409 3324), until July 8, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

BIRDS, BIRDS, BIRDS: A huge private collection of stuffed birds, some of them 149 years old, forms the basis of a sale of ornithological and other specimens. Meet the sooty antitrogon, black-tailed godwit, Slavonian grebe, ringed plover and turtledove (estimate £20-£500). Phillips, Blenheim Street, London W1 (629 6602), noon.

PEER GWYN: A transfer from Stratford's The Other Place, in a translation from Ibsen by David Rudkin. Directed by Ron Daniels, with Derek Jacobi as Peer, Katy Beahan as Solveig, Jeffrey Dorch as the Troll King and Derek Godfrey as the Butcher Moulder. The Pit, Barbican Centre (628 8785). Previews today at 7.30pm. Opens Thurs at 7pm.

COME DANCING: Returns for what, incredibly, is its thirty-third year as Scotland and Home Counties South meet in the first heat of the inter-regional competition at the Guildhall, Preston. An additional feature for the new series is a nostalgia spot and in the first programme Barbara Miles and Maxwell Stuart, the world champions of 1924, dance the fox-trot BBC1, 10.45-11.35pm.

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OCTOPUSSY: The new James Bond film (see page 7).

HENRY VIII: The first Stratford production for 14 years of Shakespeare's late history play. Directed by Howard Davies, with Richard Griffiths, John Thaw, Gemma Jones, John Dicks, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon (0789 285623). Previews from today at 7.30pm. Opens June 14 at 7pm. In repertory.

INNER VOICES: British premiere of a mystery black comedy by Eduardo de Filippo, author of Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Translated by N. F. Simpson, directed by Mike Ockrent, with Ralph Richardson and Michael Bryant. Lyttelton Theatre, London WC2 (222 5252). Previews from today, at 7.45pm. Opens June 16 at 7pm. In repertory.

THE GENERAL ELECTION: The polls close at 10pm and the first results should be in by midnight. Competing for your media coverage vote are David Dimbleby and Sir Robin Day on BBC1, Alastair Burnet on ITV, Brian Redhead and David Butler on Radio 4 - which claimed to be fastest with the results last time - and Jimmy Young on Radio 2.

THE GREAT KLIM SHOW: An extensive and revising selection of the nineteenth century, including another chance to see some classic examples first shown at the Whitechapel Art Gallery in 1977. David Black Oriental Carpets, 96 Portland Road, London W11 (727 2569). Until July 9, Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm.

WORLD CUP CRICKET: In the opening matches of the Prudential World Cup, England play New Zealand at the Oval; West Indies face India at Old Trafford; Pakistan and Sri Lanka are in action at Swansea; and Australia take on Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge. The England match gets a ball-by-ball commentary on Radio 3 (medium Wave) and extensive television coverage on BBC2 and BBC1; from 10.30 am.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: A Grecian harp made by Sebastian Erard of Great Marlborough Street, London, in c.1810 and a Gothic harp from the same firm of c.1850 are among the unusual offerings in Phillips' sale. There is also a German table zither of c.1910, an Italian mandoline of c.1900 and a treble ceterina by Lachner & Co of London. Phillips, Blenheim Street, London W1 (629 6602) 11 am.

HALLOWEEN IS: SEASON OF THE WITCH: Tony Lee Wallace directs a new tale of events on October 31. With Tom Atkins, Stacy Nelkin and Dan O'Herlihy. Cert 15. ABC Bayswater (229 4149); ABC Edgware Road (723 5901); ABC Fulham Road (370 2636); Classic Haymarket (839 1527); Classic Oxford Street (638 0310); Scene Leicester Square (439 4470).

ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL: Opens today with a programme of "domestic" music, featuring Peter Pears, John Shirley-Quirk, Stuart Bedford, Philip Ledger and Murray Perahia. Other events include Britten's The Turn of the Screw (already sold out) and War Requiem; a contemporary composers' concert conducted by Oliver Knussen; poetry readings; and films, including the seven for which Britten wrote music. Box office, High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (072885 3543). To June 26.

NEARLY ITALIAN PAINTINGS: A show of paintings and works of art from Italy between 1300 and 1480, with particular emphasis on the use of gold grounds, which has been the major preoccupation of background research for the show. It is in aid of the Friends of the Fitzwilliam Museum, and brings from Cambridge a number of splendid and beautiful works seldom seen in London. Mattheisen, 7/8 Mason's Yard, Duke Street, St James's, London SW1 (830 2437). Until July 22, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm.

RAF HALTON OPEN DAY: June 11, Halton, Bucks (0296 623535 ext 455). Home of the RAF's engineering recruits, who are trained on old jet fighters.

RAF CHURCH FENTON AIR DISPLAY: June 12 (Soldiers', Sailors' & Airmen's Families' Association, 01-222 9221 or 0937 634666 ext 284). Annual show at former fighter station in Yorkshire.

RAF COSFORD AIR DAY: June 12, Cosford, Wolverhampton, West Midlands (09027 2333 exts 210/353). Open day at the home of the RAF Museum aircraft not on view at Hendon.

RAF BRIZE NORTON OPEN DAY: June 18 (0983 84251). Inspection by the public of the RAF transport base in Oxfordshire from which aircraft were flown to the war in the Falklands.

DUXFORD AIR DISPLAY: June 19, Duxford Airfield, Cambs (0438 5141). Annual Star Association, 0223 82196). Annual display of new and old aircraft, including many from the Imperial War Museum collection.

Week following: June 11: Trooping the Colour. The Queen leaves Buckingham Palace at 10.40am for the ceremony at Horse Guards Parade which begins at 11am.

Family Life

Funny? You really must be kidding

A friend of mine with a lot of style and almost as much money recently threw a disastrous children's party. The food and going-home presents, I gather, were excellent - but the entertainer, highly recommended and hired at some expense, was a total flop. Dressed as a clown, with a full bag of tricks, he failed to raise a laugh. "I would have done better to have hired a video - which is what they wanted anyway," my friend said, "but I thought a clown would be more fun."

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Pound rallies to close at \$1.5650 after denials

Sterling plunges on rumours of crude oil price cut by Nigeria

By Michael Prest

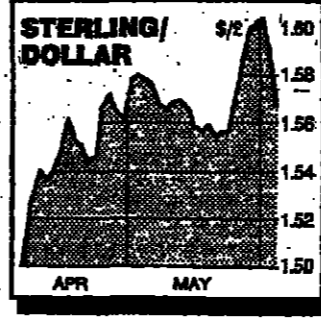
Sterling's vulnerability to oil was underlined by the currency markets again yesterday when rumours that Nigeria had cut its crude price and that Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, might resign, sent the pound plunging.

At one point it lost more than 3 cents against the US dollar to trade at \$1.5530, but denials of the rumours brought a recovery, and the pound ended the day at \$1.5650, a fall of 1.85 cents. The trade-weighted average, which measures sterling against its leading trading partners, lost 1.1 points to close at 85.7.

Currency analysts said that the volatility of sterling was aggravated by foreign holders who, concerned at reports that the Alliance had a better showing in the opinion polls, has sold pounds. A thin market also exaggerated trends.

Interest rate factors were less influential. Despite the continuing Wall Street concern over the American money supply figures, the view is gaining ground in London that US interest rates will not be raised, if that is avoidable.

But Mr Henry Kaufman, the influential chief economist of Salomon Brothers, the Wall Street investment bankers, was reported as saying in a speech to be delivered last night that US interest rates could become more volatile once the early



phase of the economic recovery was over. An imbalance between fiscal and monetary policy would cause the volatility, according to him.

In London, however, money market rates showed little concern at sterling's gyrations. For maturities of one to six

months they held steady at 10%. But gilts were under some pressure, perhaps, some analysts suggested, because the institutions were fully invested and the market was short of cash. Shorts lost 1/8 and longs 1/16.

Gold held its ground as well, falling only \$1 to finish the day at \$412 an ounce.

But the election shadow enveloped equities which were also caught by traders balancing their books at the end of the fortnight's account. The FT index fell 0.3 to 698.4.

Nevertheless, currency analysts are already trying to plot sterling's course after the election. Mr Roger Bootle, economist at stockbrokers Capel-Cure Myers, argued that part of yesterday's depreciation was

caused by profit-taking. "A lot of it was just betting on the election", he said.

But Mr David Morrison, currency analyst at stockbrokers Simon & Coates, did not think that the pound was overbought against the dollar. He did feel, however, that a rate of DM3.9800, down fractionally on the day, was jeopardizing exports.

Mr Stephen Lewis, analyst at stockbrokers Phillips & Drew, agreed about the rate against the Deutsche Mark, and suggested that fears of inflation and wage settlements accelerating later in the year would prompt a government, particularly a Conservative administration, to keep the pound moderately overvalued.

City Comment

Time to take profits

Whatever the result of the election, the stock market is more likely to go down than up. The best possible news for shares (a Tory victory - but not overwhelming) is already discounted.

Anything else would send shares crashing down, and in the interim the market is marking time, with little business being done in the equity sector.

Gilt-edged trading is in the hands of the professionals, jockeying in and out on decimal points with an eye on the sterling/dollar exchange rate.

Trading in gilts apart, just about everyone who matters has taken a position which will not change much before the election result.

The inevitable exception to the rule is special situations: shareholders in Thomas Tilling, which include pension funds and insurance companies, are going to have to make up their minds on the BTR bid the day before the election. This takeover bid the biggest yet, is causing considerable last-minute agonizing among the institutions.

The advice to outside shareholders in Tilling was to sell in the market on the cash alternative, and quickly.

That advice does not apply just to Tilling shareholders. At the moment the market is discounting everything that is good, and share prices are running ahead of any forecast economic recovery.

In a frothy equity market it is always a good idea to look for alternative investments. For the first time since the War, fixed-interest investments offer a real return of capital as opposed to rates which, although high, were below the rate of inflation.

WALL STREET

Vanishing fears help Dow

New York (AP-Dow Jones) Stocks were steady yesterday with the Dow Jones industrial average up less than a point and advancing issues more than 5-10 ahead of declines in early trading which was moderate.

Most market analysts expected the Federal Reserve to report after yesterday close that the basic money supply was flat to down slightly.

Mr Robert Mintz, vice-president for research at Phillips Appel & Walden, said the market was down earlier this week on fears the Fed would tighten up and was up now because those fears were easing.

Mr Alan C. Lerner, senior vice-president of Bankers Trust, said money supply growth left the Fed with "no choice" but to tighten policy but he did not expect that to occur before the next meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee on July 12 and 13.

The Dow Jones industrial average was dragging in part because American Express was off 1 at 69 1-8. And Brokerage House issues were mixed. Some other blue chips were down with R. H. Macy off 1-1/2 at 52 1-2, Procter & Gamble off 1-3/8 at 54 1-2 and De Post off 1-1/2 at 48 1-4. Colson was up 3 1-8 at 48 3-4. Baldwin United was off 1 at 12 5-8. General Motors gained 1 to 68 and Ford was up 3-8 at 40 7-8. U S Steel was off 1-8 at 25 1-2.

Forgemasters hits JFB for £5m

By Andrew Corriell

Johnson & Firth Brown Half year to 31.3.83 Pretax loss 25.7m (£3.5m loss) Stated loss 5.5p (4.2p loss) Turnover 250.5m (£91.7m) Net interim dividend nil Share price 7p

Johnson & Firth Brown, the Sheffield specialist engineering group, yesterday reported dismal results for the six months to March 31. After taking into account a share of the losses in Sheffield Forgemasters, which was set up as a joint venture with the British Steel Corporation late last year, JFB made pretax losses of £5.7m against £3.9m at the same stage last year.

Turnover was sharply reduced to £50.5m, against £91.7m last time. The JFB board, whose chairman is J M Clay, recommend waiving payment of an interim dividend and to defer payment of the interim preference dividend due on March 31.

During the six months the group's steelmaking activities made trading profits of £24.0m against a £1.4m loss last time, and engineering made £84.0m trading profits against £1.2m. However, interest charges of £1.8m on the group's huge



Clay: Omitting interim dividend.

borrowings coupled with £4.9m of losses, largely accrued from the costs of setting up Forgemasters, helped swing the results into the red.

Stripping out the costs of Forgemasters, the JFB group made trading profits of £1m, which turn into a loss of £800,000 when interest charges are included.

Orders for some of the group's larger subsidiaries, including those supplying the aerospace and vehicle industries, fell to low levels in the first quarter of the financial year, the board said.

Burmah gives profit warning

By Our Financial Staff

Burmah Oil, whose shares price has been buoyed at record levels this year because of takeover bid speculation, warned shareholders yesterday that profits could fall this year.

Retiring chairman Sir Alastair Down, the retiring chairman, told the annual meeting that although some parts of the business had shown encouraging signs, "on balance, Burmah could not be confident this year of matching last year's profits."

The shares dropped 8p on the news but later recovered to close 6p lower at 157p. This year, the shares have changed hands at between 125p and 178p.

The warning will cause a number of stockbrokers to review their expectations. Phillips & Drew had been looking for £82.5m pretax profits in 1983 against £81m last year.

Sir Alastair said that in some markets, such as Australia and South Africa, the recession showed little signs of lifting.

He said that shipping was operating less profitably than last year, and there had been a fall in operating profit from exploration and production,

Fall in US jobless for third month

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Unemployment in the United States fell in May for the third consecutive month giving further evidence of the momentum of economic recovery.

The Labour Department said yesterday that the jobless rate dropped to 10.1 per cent from 10.2 per cent in April, bringing the total number of jobless to 11.19 million.

White House and administration officials welcomed the news as encouraging and a further sign that a strong economic recovery was underway. The unemployment figures coincided with a report from retailers of strong sales last month, despite poor weather and only modest gains in other parts of the economy.

A survey of the largest retailers revealed that the 10 biggest department store chains increased sales ranging from 3.6 per cent to 23.6 per cent last month.

In addition, the commerce department reported that factories received increased orders for durable goods in April, which rose 3.8 per cent compared with March.

The strong gains in employment, growing consumer confidence led administration officials to predict that overall growth for this month and next could be about 5 per cent. But a recent rise in American

interest rates and continued forecasts of huge federal budget deficits and a big surge in the American money supply remained obstacles.

Mr Martin Feldstein, the President's chief economic adviser, cited these developments as causes for concern within the administration.

Mr Feldstein, perhaps privy to the undisclosed decisions taken at last week's open market committee meeting of the US central bank, said the Administration was confident, however, that the Federal Reserve Board would move soon to reduce growth in the money supply.

He was the second administration official recently to hint that there would be a shift in Fed policy in response to too growth in the money supply.

At the Williamsburg economic summit, Mr Beryl Sprinkel, Under Secretary of the Treasury, said that the Fed was likely to rein in recent growth of the money supply.

But Mr Preston Martin, a high-level central bank official, countered these statements by indicating that the Fed's policy would remain unchanged to accommodate the recovery.

Among the more promising signs in last month's unemployment results were strong gains in total employment.

Setback for P&O bid defence

By Jonathan Clare

P&O's efforts to use the strategic implications for the merchant fleet to help block the £290m bid for Trafalgar House received a setback yesterday, when Trafalgar was told the takeover was not against the national interest.

Mr Bill Slater, the managing director of Cunard and a Trafalgar main board director, said the Department of Trade had confirmed this to him. It authorized Trafalgar to make a public statement saying "the takeover is acceptable provided the number of ships available to the Government and access to them is unchanged," said Mr Slater.

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday afternoon that it would leave the decisions to the trade department. It will not be making representations to the Office of Fair Trading.

The defence ministry was approached by the OFT 10 days ago when the bid was announced but said it was not the department concerned. The strategic implications of the bid have been constantly raised by P&O and form one of the main arguments for a referral by the OFT to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

P&O yesterday obtained an injunction to stop Trafalgar using its famous logo on bid documents. Thursday's offer document produced by Saatchi & Saatchi, showed the Trafalgar and P&O logos linked together.

Trafalgar will reply to yesterday's "skull and crossbones" adverts from P&O with a series of its own next week. "It will be far more interesting than anything seen so far in the Tilling-BTR battle," said Mr Eric Parker, Trafalgar's managing director yesterday.

Laporte shares drop 12p after £21m rights issue

By Jeremy Warner

Laporte Industries, the specialist chemicals company, made its long-awaited rights issue yesterday. The offering of £21m to shareholders for £20.8m via an offer of one new share for every six held at 216p. On the stock market Laporte's share price fell 12p to 256p after the news.

The company's leading shareholder, the Belgian chemicals group Solvay, will not be taking up its rights and its stake will consequently be reduced from 25 per cent to 21 per cent. But it would not be reducing its stake further, Solvay said yesterday. Solvay and Laporte each hold a 50 per cent stake in Interlox, the largest active oxygen company in the world. Both companies are keenly interested in progress at Interlox.

Solvay originally bought its stake in Laporte in order to protect its investment in Inter-

lox. Mr Richard Ringwald, Laporte's chairman, cited the "need" to make significant capital investments in order to take advantage of new and promising developments" in Interlox as one of three main reasons behind the call for new funds.

The group is also planning to spend more on its absorbents business where it has already invested £10m over the last three years.

Over the past six months the group has spent £7.5m on acquisitions including one in the fast growing area of chemicals for use in the micro-electronic industry.

The purchases have contributed to an increase in the ratio of group net debt to shareholders' funds to nearly 30 per cent. The rights issue will reduce the gearing level to nil once more.

Safeway appeal to Fitch shareholders

By Our Financial Staff

Safeway Food Stores is making a last-minute attempt to block the proposed sale of Fitch Lovell's 100 Key Markets stores to Linfood Holdings.

Safeway appealed to Fitch Lovell shareholders last night to vote against the proposed deal at the extraordinary meeting called to decide on the sale next Thursday.

Mr David Bootle, a Safeway director, said it would be in the

best interests of Fitch Lovell shareholders and Key Markets employees to sell the supermarkets to the Safeway Group.

He refuted suggestions that Safeway was interested in acquiring only 25 of the Key Markets stores and would sell the rest, thereby jeopardising jobs. These allegations are totally unfounded, he said. Safeway was angered by the news that Fitch Lovell and Linfood had privately agreed a

deal whereby the Key Markets stores would be sold to Linfood. Details of the deal have yet to emerge.

Mr Geoffrey Hankins, chief executive of Fitch is keen to strike a deal with Linfood to thwart an outright bid for the whole Fitch group by Linfood. He is also keen to protect the £10m a year of business which Linfood Gateway supermarkets placed with the Fitch manufacturing businesses each year.

Threat to S African gold mines

By Our Financial Staff

South Africa's prolonged drought, which has already caused food shortages and unemployment in black rural areas, could force cuts in electricity production, threatening output from the nation's mines.

The mining industry, particularly the gold mines, is a huge consumer of electricity and is almost completely dependent for power on the government Electricity Supply Commission. But Eskom has recently asked the mines what would happen if power supplies were reduced by 10, 30 or 50 per cent.

Eskom's generating capacity is heavily concentrated on the extensive Transvaal. But the area has little water and so the power plants' cooling towers have to be supplied from elsewhere. The problem now, however, is that water in rivers and reservoirs has fallen dangerously low and

in some cases is almost below the level of the cooling tower intakes.

In a desperate attempt to alleviate the shortage, engineers are spending 50m rand (29.4m) on building a series of weirs on the Vaal River, itself only half full. It is hoped that the weirs will back the water up to the Grootdraai Dam, whence it can be pumped through a new pipeline to the power stations.

But this will take time and it is now the dry season. Very little rain falls before September or October, and after a drought which has lasted for four years and is believed to be the worst in two centuries, nobody can say whether the rains will be sufficient.

The mining industry, already nervous about a gold price hovering around \$400 an ounce, is therefore bracing itself for an electricity cut. Less electricity should not immediately affect

employment in the industry, but it could well mean lower production and poor profits during this and the next quarter.

Consumption of electricity and water by the mines has tended to grow in recent years. In 1981 an average of 920 kilowatt hours of electricity and 9.04 tonnes of water were required to produce a single ounce of gold.

The gold mines, which contribute about half of the republic's foreign exchange earnings, need electricity because they operate at great depths, are air-conditioned, use tools and machinery driven by electricity-powered air compressors, and crush massive quantities of rock. Each mine also has to house as many as 30,000 workers.

At the moment the mines do not know whether supplies to all would be cut by the same amount.

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DM 3.9800 down 0.0425
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Yen 374.25 down 3.25

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LONDON CLOSE
Sterling \$1.5650 down 1.85 cents
Index 85.7 down 1.1
DM 3.9800 down 0.0425
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Gold \$411.50
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INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Base rate 10%
3 month interbank 10% = 10%
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3 month dollar 9 1/2 = 9 1/2%
3 month DM 5 1/2 = 5 1/2%
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SATELLITES DEAL: MIRA and Boeing Aerospace are to make and sell small space satellites worth about \$60m (£38m) MIRA announced at the Paris Air Show.

CANAL EARNINGS: The Suez Canal will earn more than \$1.1bn (£705m) this year, an increase of \$210m over last year, according to the canal authority. The canal, along with oil exports, tourism and remittances from Egyptians working abroad, is one of Egypt's main sources of foreign exchange.

NEW BUSINESSES: Three cooperatives were launched in Derbyshire yesterday. The county council's Cooperative Development Agency gave financial assistance for a mobile repair unit for agricultural machinery in Chesterfield; a child-minding agency in Chesterfield; and a car-hire service in Glossop. They involve 13 new jobs.

ELECTRONICS START: Lyle Shipping has established, in London, a wholly-owned subsidiary called Lyle Electronics and computer services industries. The new company, with a capital of £1m, will have a 60 per cent interest in Atlantic Instruments and a 28 per cent interest in Fortronic Information Systems.

TRADING OPTIMISM: Marshall S. Universal expects a significant rise in trading results for this year mainly from its paper and board merchant companies and motor retailing interests.

TAX DEFEAT: The Australian Government has been defeated in the Senate in Canberra over a Bill to recoup \$5570m (£316m) in tax revenue lost under corporate tax avoidance schemes.

LOWER ORDERS: West German mechanical engineering orders fell 14 per cent in April compared with the same month last year, allowing for inflation. Orders from abroad fell a real 17 per cent, while domestic orders were down 9 per cent.

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158	117	Ass Brit Ind CIVLS	152	10.0	6.6	-	-	-
46	57	Airwing Group	65	-	6.1	9.4	18.6	15.6
46	26	Armstrong & Rhodes	26	-	4.3	16.5	2.9	5.1
350	197	Bardon Hill	350	+2	11.3	3.3	14.7	18.5
150	100	CCL 11.0% Conv Pref	150	-	15.7	10.4	-	-
270	210	Ciniflex Group	212	-	17.0	13.3	-	-
38	45	Deborah Services	45	-	6.0	13.3	3.0	8.0
971	77	Frank Horsell	96	-	-	-	-	-
96	751	Frank Horsell Pr Ord	97	-	8.7	9.2	10.5	11.3
83	61	Frederick Parker	62	-	7.1	11.5	3.9	6.2
55	34	George Blair	34	-	4.7	9.6	5.9	12.3
180	74	Ind Prec Castings	76	+1	7.3	9.6	9.7	12.3
100	74	Ind Conv Pref	180	+2	15.7	8.7	-	-
160	94	Jackson Group	162	+3	9.0	5.5	4.2	8.3
232	111	James Burrough	230	+3	9.6	4.2	16.8	13.7
202	143	Robert Jenkins	153	+2	20.0	13.1	1.7	24.3
83	54	Scrutons "A"	67	-	3.7	8.5	8.7	10.5
167	110	Tortray & Carlisle	112	-	11.6	10.1	5.8	8.6
38	45	Walker Alexander	26	-	0.6	1.8	-	-
85	64	Walker Alexander	67	-	1.4	6.6	4.8	6.9
270	214	W. S. Yates	264	-	17.1	6.5	4.1	8.4

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FAMILY MONEY

The Government, the building societies and the house-building industry have a made laudable attempt to make buying a house simpler and cheaper - particularly for first-timers. Builders have been offering an unprecedented range of inducements such as subsidized mortgages, free legal service and furnishings. But what seems a trouble-free deal at the time can backfire, as the experience of Mr Mark Guthrie and his wife demonstrates.

This newly-wed couple, both just 20, were looking for a home last summer. They went to see a Barratt show house - a one-bedroomed "Mayfair" design, then priced at £20,750. The salesman said Barratt could arrange a 100 per cent mortgage. The Guthries were delighted because they had very little capital. The house came fully equipped with washing machine, cooker, fridge, fitted

House purchase

First time buyers pay the price of a 'wonderful start'



The Guthries: gap between valuation and price

carpets and habitat type furnishings.

"We thought it would be a wonderful start", recalls Mrs Guthrie. "We could get a completely furnished home that we could pay for over 25 years instead of having it scrip and save."

Barratt also paid the legal costs - directing the Guthries to a local solicitor - and the first six months mortgage. "We were told we had to make a decision quickly because the price was going up by another £1,000. The whole thing went through in about two weeks."

So what went wrong?

"What we did not realise at the time was that we were paying too much for the house. Now we find we may have to move because our jobs mean we can be transferred at a few weeks' notice. We were amazed to discover that we could not get anything like what we paid for the property on the open market. A neighbour had to sell a similar house at less than £16,000."

"So with our 100 per cent mortgage for nearly £21,000, we would be in debt if we sold. We could sell it back to Barratt for £19,600 under its 'buy-back' agreement, but only if we move to a two-bedroomed Barratt house. But there may not be a Barratt house where we are going. And I am not sure we want to buy another one as we have had a number of problems with our present home."

Perhaps the Guthries were unwise not to have thought it through. But one chartered surveyor certainly felt that there was a danger that first-time buyers were easily swept along by what he called "smooth talking salesman and a glib marketing machine."

"I have seen several cases like this where a rather naive couple of first-time buyers find they can sell only at a thumping loss and have to hold on for several years until inflation catches up with the price they paid."

So why do they buy these houses?

"The developers make it look very easy and cope with all the things people don't understand, like mortgages and the legal aspects. Take a young married couple who may have no experience of the housing market. They don't realise they are paying a very heavy price for a package of gimmicks that has no re-sale value at all."

Mark Boleat, of The Building Societies Association, said "there is often a premium in the price of a new house. And no building society will lend on anything other than the value of the actual property. It will discount things like carpets and washing machines. People who buy new homes, particularly with all the trimmings, may end up paying a premium that they can't recoup immediately."

It is easy to say that the Guthries should have known better, but there are a number of worrying points about the way Barratt is selling homes to first-time buyers.

The mortgage arranged by Barratt was in two parts. The building society lent £17,500. The Woolwich valued the property at £18,500, so it lent 95 per cent of its own valuation. The Guthries claim they never saw this lower valuation before they bought the house. The solicitor was arranged for them by Barratt, which was footing the legal costs.

"We never drew our attention to the fact that we were paying nearly £21,000 for a house that the building society had valued at £18,500 and I feel that with us being first-time buyers and really knowing very little about all this he should have pointed it out", Mrs Guthrie said.

Surprisingly, the solicitor who handled the conveyance confirms that it is quite possible that the Guthries were not given any advice on whether the house was a good buy. "As a general rule we don't see the building society valuations", he says. "We assume that if the building society is prepared to make a loan on them it is up to the buyers to decide whether to go ahead."

The rest of the finance came from the Sun Life Insurance Company, under its "top up mortgage" scheme. This was a further £3,225.

What has Barratt got to say about the situation?

Mr Mike Naughton, sales director said he would not think it would have any difficulty at all in selling Mrs Guthrie's house at £20,750. Our policy is to maintain the original selling price and we offer an agency service to Barratt homeowners. Houses on the same site are now selling for £22,700.

"If the Guthries contact the Bristol selling office we can offer an agency service to sell their house if they don't want to part exchange."

Margaret Drummond

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Abey Asia	10.90	+0.70	British Overseas	10.50	-0.40
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FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Home loans Inflationary snag in index-link scheme

Index-linked home loans at around 3 to 4 per cent should be available soon from Nationwide Building Society, the largest in the country.

Buyers will pay only 3 to 4 per cent interest on their mortgage, but the debt will be linked to the retail prices index and will increase in line with inflation.

The drawback is that if inflation runs ahead of house prices, a borrower could find that the loan becomes greater than the value of the house.

There is a little doubt about the technicalities of index-linked loans and this is due to be tested in the courts in two months. If it goes well, index-linked loans could be on offer almost immediately after that.

The aim is to help first-time buyers who have difficulty affording a conventional repayment loan, though index-linked loans are likely to be available only on a very limited scale.

However, all the big societies are watching Nationwide's progress with interest, and have similar schemes on the shelf ready to be brought into action as soon as the test case is out of the way.

How does the scheme work? The borrower raises a loan of say £10,000 at 4 per cent. The interest rate is fixed for the term, and in the first year repayments before tax relief work out at £53.40 a month compared with £91.90 under a conventional repayment loan.

At the end of the first year the debt will stand at £9,760. Assuming that there has been 0 per cent inflation over the year, the debt is then increased by 10 per cent to £10,736 and repayments rise by 10 per cent to £58.80. If inflation continues at 10 per cent a year the position after five years is that the borrower owes just under £12,750 and monthly repayments have risen to £78.30.

The danger is that house prices will not keep pace with inflation and that the debt will eventually outweigh the value of the house. To avoid this, the societies, which are looking at ways of solving the problem, may be obliged to advance a smaller proportion of the purchase price - perhaps only 60 per cent - when they would be able to lend up to 100 per cent under a conventional loan.

One possibility is some form of indemnity insurance though, in order to help the families for which the scheme is designed, the premium would have to be borrowed along with the loan to buy the house.

Another possible alternative is some form of guarantee, and with this in mind, Nationwide expects its first index-linked loans to go to Housing Association tenants.

Cash back cheque

The 10,000 people who bank with Hoare & Co are being offered special concessions on cheque cashing facilities. The bank is offering to reimburse the 50p payable when their customers cash cheques at branches of other banks.

Choose your cash

Royal Bank of Canada has obtained a Stock Exchange quote for its Cayman Islands-based International Currency Fund. This fund offers a choice of currencies - American and Canadian dollars, sterling, Swiss francs, Deutsche marks and Japanese Yen - and is designed for individuals and companies.

Predictably, the two opposition parties are promising most in terms of giveaway to families and pensioners. But in the case of the SPD/Liberal Alliance the surprise is the way in which it proposes to pay for higher pensions and child benefits - by increases in taxation which will hit its potential voters hardest.

Top of the list of unpopular moves must be the proposal by Labour and the Alliance to abolish higher rate tax relief on home loans. Though there is little equity in giving higher tax relief to the better off, the fact remains that families on relatively modest incomes find themselves paying higher rate tax and will suffer if this relief on mortgage interest is removed.

If the Labour/Alliance proposals to limit mortgage interest relief to basic rate only are put into action, any higher rate payer with a £25,000 mortgage will be a minimum £250 a year worse off.

Also unpopular with taxpayers is the proposal by both Labour and the Alliance to increase National Insurance contributions.

Labour would remove the upper earnings threshold making all pay subject to the National Insurance levy. The Alliance would raise the earnings threshold from its present level of £235 to £315.

Those earning £16,500 or more will be paying a premium of £37 a year extra under either a Labour or an Alliance government. Under a Labour government high earners would pay an effective rate of tax, including NI contributions, of anything up to 70 per cent.

On paper the Alliance's proposals for increasing benefits to the elderly by up to £10 a week for a married couple look attractive. But this will only come about when an overhaul

who want to obtain money market rates on foreign currency deposits. There is no initial dealing charge and the annual management charge is 1 per cent. For those who prefer a professional to take a decision on which currency to hold, RBC offers a managed fund - annual management charge is 2 per cent. All charges are deducted before an interest rate is quoted so investors know precisely where they stand. There are no charges for switching between currencies and investors can deal over the telephone.

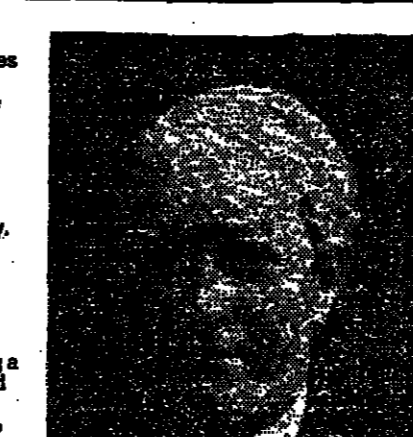
Building income

Bristol & West Building Society has introduced a high interest monthly income account which pays 1 per cent above the ordinary share rate for investments of £1,000 or more. This at present amounts to 7.25 per

cent net, equivalent to 10.36 per cent gross for basic rate taxpayers. Examples of monthly income are: Amount invested Monthly Income £1,000 £5.05 £5,000 £25.21 £10,000 £50.42 £20,000 £100.84

Helping hand

A leading building society is launching a mortgage fund designed for elderly and handicapped people. Anglia Building Society says: "Disabled people are too often allocated purpose built council homes which can be away from areas they know."



Alan Canning, chief general manager of the Woolwich

Higher interest

The Woolwich Building Society has increased the interest rate payable for monthly income shares by 0.75 per cent to 7 per cent. This premium over the basic share rate is variable and, in real terms, means that for every £1,000 invested, the monthly income will rise from £5.21 to £5.96. The maximum investment in Woolwich Savings Plan Accounts has also been increased from £100 to £250 a month (£200 to £500 for joint accounts).

Take the money

General view of the pundits is that a little profit-taking in British shares or unit trusts might be a wise move. Lloyds Bank unit trust review says: "The market will be nervously studying the opinion polls ahead of the general election and

any result other than a clear Conservative majority is expected to have a major adverse impact on sentiment. Any weakness in sterling arising from renewed downward pressure on oil prices, or a tightening of US monetary policy, could lead to interest rate worries which would also deter investors."

How to be a boss

If you are unemployed, under 25 and would like to be your own boss, a new book 'Work for Yourself' may be just what you need to get started. The book gives practical advice based on the experiences of 16 young people who have set up in business, combined study with part-time work or found a good way of surviving without paid employment. 'Work for Yourself' is sponsored by Shell UK. It is published by the National Extension College at £3.25.

Unit trusts

Transatlantic funds outshine the rest

The overseas funds are still sparking for unit trust investors, but this month all the stars are in the west. Of the top 10 performers over the five months since January, five are American specialists, two are European and the rest are international with a strong transatlantic content.

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Present Value of £100 Invested over five months to June 1. Includes GT European, GT US & General, FFI & Target Small Companies, etc.

Almost all the high-flying American funds have a substantial exposure to high technology companies. GT US & General, a consistent performer over several years (it is number one over 12 months, 24 months and 48 months), is about 40 per cent invested in technology companies, in areas such as communications and defence.

investment in Europe," he says, but the rate of growth is expected to be "much more steady".

Enthusiastic managers

There are also big holdings in drug companies fast food chains and other service industries. Jonathan Custance Baker, a director of GT Unit Managers, is still very optimistic about the performance of this fund, and reckons that it will continue to produce high growth for some time to come.

At Aitken Hume American Technology the managers are equally enthusiastic. This fund is entirely invested in high growth stocks in the US, and (as with the GT fund) investors who put their money in a year ago would by now have more than doubled it. Aitken Hume has taken some profits, but the winnings have been reinvested, on the argument that there is still plenty to go for.

The best is over

The European funds have benefited from the boom in the bourses over the past six months, but the best is probably now over. Jonathan Custance Baker says the prices have risen to reflect both general factors (such as the way in which European governments now seem prepared to follow their US and British counterparts in tackling inflation), and particular changes (such as the election of a new government in Germany). "There are still attractive opportunities for

Aidienne Gleeson

Manifestos Party lines and your money

Table titled 'HOW THE PARTIES STAND' comparing Labour, Alliance, and Conservative policies on Mortgages, Child Benefit, State Pensions, Christmas Bonus, Pensions Earnings Limit, National Insurance, Income Tax, Other taxes, and Rates.

relatively vague and short on specifics. The most radical proposal affecting family income are the plans to integrate the social security benefit system with taxation, an idea initially proposed by the Conservatives and the replacement of rates by local income tax.

Pensioners are promised a twice-yearly uprating of pensions and the abolition of standing charges for gas, electricity and telephone. The death grant would be increased to £250 "for those on lesser means". Unemployment and sickness benefit gets a 5 per cent uprating and there is a promise to change the rules so that people are not forced to spend redundancy money before qualifying for supplementary benefit.

A new system of educational maintenance allowances for children who stay on at school or in full-time training or education is promised. Council tenants would retain the right to buy and the elderly are promised help with house repairs.

So far as taxpayers are concerned the proposals of Labour and the Alliance to pay for higher benefits with increased taxation will appeal to none but the deeply public spirited. Taxation is already running at an effective basic rate of about 40 per cent, if National Insurance contributions are taken into account, and there can be little enthusiasm for shouldering an even greater burden.

Labour is promising a great deal to those dependent on State benefits, but with little explanation of how the bill will be paid other than by increased taxation. However dull and unexciting the Conservative proposals sound, "the Government's role is to keep inflation down and to offer real incentives for enterprise. Only if we create wealth can we continue to do justice to the old and the sick and disabled. It is economic success which will provide the surest guarantee of help for those who need it most" - it does have the merit of common sense.

Next Thursday will reveal whether the "carry on as before" approach of Mrs Thatcher has greater appeal than the more radical proposals of the opposition parties.

Lorna Bourke

Base Lending Rates table listing banks and their rates: ABN Bank 10%, Barclays 10%, BCCI 10%, Consolidated Crds 10%, C. Hoare & Co 10%, Lloyds Bank 10%, Midland Bank 10%, Nat Westminster 10%, TSB 10%, Williams & Glyn's 10%.

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MARKET REPORT by Andrew Cornelius

Dealers wait for election

Oil and Britoil have 20 per cent... BP shares closed up 4p at 388p. Sovereign was also up by 17p to 234p, and Shell followed the trend to close up 10p at 536p.

The offer for sale by Renishaw, precision engineering instruments manufacturer, of 2.8 million shares was oversubscribed 8 1/2 times. A striking price of 150p per share was fixed against the minimum tender price of 80p.

Associated Newspapers also continued to gain ground on the back of speculation that it will benefit from a possible flotation of the Rother news agency.

with the shares closing up 10p to 290p. Westland, the helicopters company, also jumped 3p to 144p ahead of next week's interim figures.

Flight Refuelling also remained in favour, leaping a further 14p to 305p. But former market favourite Jackson Ex-plant was down 7p at 142p after disappointing results and further consideration of the drilling prospects.

Shares of P&O, which is the takeover target for Trafalgar House, eased by 5p to 197p on fears that the bid will be referred to the Monopolies Commission for investigation.

Leading shares registered falls of between 2p and 5p, with Beecham leading the market down with a 7p tumble to 373p at the close. The market was still concerned about the company's results, which were published last Thursday.

Bowater Corporation shares were down by 2p at 214p as speculation about the prospects of a bid from the US eased. GEC was down 4p at 234p, and ICI held firm at 460p.

Oils proved to be a strong market, still bolstered by the optimistic statement about trading prospects from BP earlier in the week and exciting drilling prospects in the North Sea Brae field, where Marathon

However, British Oil shares tumbled after the recent bid speculation because of gloomy remarks from the company at the annual meeting about current trading. The shares slid 7p to 156p.

BTR continued its recent heavy buying of Thomas Tilling shares, taking another 2.9 million shares in the market, about 1 per cent of the share capital, at the bid price of 225p.

This latest buying brings BTR's stake in Tilling to 26.3 per cent. Tilling shares were unmoved on the activity at 226p, and BTR shares were down 2p at 424p.

De Zoete & Bevan, the broking firm, is recommending shares of ICL, the computer firm, as a buy. The company is an above average risk but the share price does not reflect the progress made in restructuring the business, or the company's strong position in the market-place. The shares close at 66p.

Tuesday's start to share dealings. The offer for sale of 2.7 million shares in Cifer, the Wiltshire computer company, was also massively oversub-

scribed, with investors looking for one million more shares than were available. Dealings in the shares began next Wednesday, with applicants for fewer than 10,000 shares receiving their full allotment and larger subscribers gaining just over half the shares they want.

Associated Newspapers also continued to gain ground on the back of speculation that it will benefit from a possible flotation of the Rother news agency. Associated's shares were up by 12p to 315p.

Habitat 67 shares also continued its strong rise since the announcement of a 25 per cent profits hike on Thursday.

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TENNIS: STRAIGHT SETS VICTORY BY NOAH

Wilander through to final on a day when fair play makes a comeback

Jose Higueras spent three hours and ten minutes playing the champion, Mats Wilander, in a roaring heat during the French championships here yesterday.

Roger-Vasselin 6-3, 6-0, 6-0 in the most embarrassing one-sided semi-final since Bjorn Borg beat Vitas Gerulaitis in 1979.

and 40 minutes to split sets with Wilander but had little more to offer. "It was very hot, I was doing a lot of running, I was a little tired, and my arm was very bad."

Britain's best contenders were beaten: Jonathan Durrant and Anne Hobbs in the women's doubles and John Lloyd - partnering Wendy Turnbull - in the men's doubles.

CRICKET: LANCASHIRE ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX IN SEMI-FINALS

Imran puts his best foot forward

Much to their astonishment Pakistan managed to play some cricket yesterday, if only of a knock-about variety. There was no rain at the Oval, and those green and white flags were much in evidence.

conditions to the full yesterday, bowling a good length and getting just enough movement to keep the batsmen watchful.

Warwickshire did not help themselves. Imran went early, caught off guard but at slip, and the more important wicket of Kalicharran followed almost immediately.

to exploit, however. Amis was still there, but although he batted solidly, there was little sign of him breaking loose, and by the time Old arrived, 15 were needed off 11.3 overs.

Current smoked out

The cloud of smoke which enveloped the number one court at the Beckenham grass court tournament, sponsored by Kentish Times yesterday morning, drifted away in time for spectators to witness the first surprise of the week in the men's singles.



Mrs King in the women's singles final at Beckenham today.

GOLF

Waite stars on second day

Brian Waite was disturbed last week, perhaps justifiably, by a reference here to his second year. The remark was not meant unkindly, merely an attempt to establish his character in half a dozen words.

MOTOR RACING

Detroit's special rhythm

The streets of downtown Detroit provide the challenge and the Renaissance Center, the Ford Auditorium and the Civic Center Plaza offer the backdrop.

Gloucestershire are tossed out

game would be prematurely ended before 20 overs could be completed. The Lancashire players ran to and from their positions in the field and the bowlers kept to their marks.

Dilley ruled out for Kent

The Kent fast bowler, Graham Dilley, has a neck injury which will keep him out of the county match with Middlesex starting at Dartford today.

A good striker who enjoys his job

The final of the Amateur championship today, 36 holes at Turnberry is between Philip Parkin, a 21-year-old born in Yorkshire but adopted by Wales, and Jim Holtgreave aged 35, who has played in two Walker Cups for the United States and also two World Cup teams.

New York race off

Detroit, (Reuters) - The inaugural New York Formula One Grand Prix, which was scheduled for September, has been cancelled because of the complexity of obtaining the consent from New York City and the difficulties of completing a new circuit by September. They expect the race to be held in 1984.

England's itinerary

England's cricketers will play three test matches and three one-day internationals in New Zealand at the start of next year. Also on the itinerary, which was announced by the Test and County Cricket Board yesterday, are four three-day fixtures and a one-day warm-up game.

Cowan wreaks havoc

By Alan Gibson BRISTOL: Middlesex beat Gloucestershire by a low margin. It was the most unsatisfactory finish that any cricket match could possibly have, but there was no help for it.

BOWLS

Souza marches to victory

George Souza, of Hongkong, beat David Bryant, the world champion, and Willie Wood, the Commonwealth Games Champion, on the first day of the Kodak Masters tournament at Beach House Park, Worthing, yesterday. He won 21-18 against Bryant and 21-10 against Wood, so that, no matter what happens now, he will have a title to tell when he returns home.

IN BRIEF

Centaurus play to form

The Centaurus, who from the start, have been hotly tipped to win the Queen's Cup, secured their place in the final after defeating Guy Wildenstein's Les Diables Bleus by nine goals to six at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, yesterday. John Watson, winger yesterday, John Watson, winger yesterday, John Watson, winger yesterday.

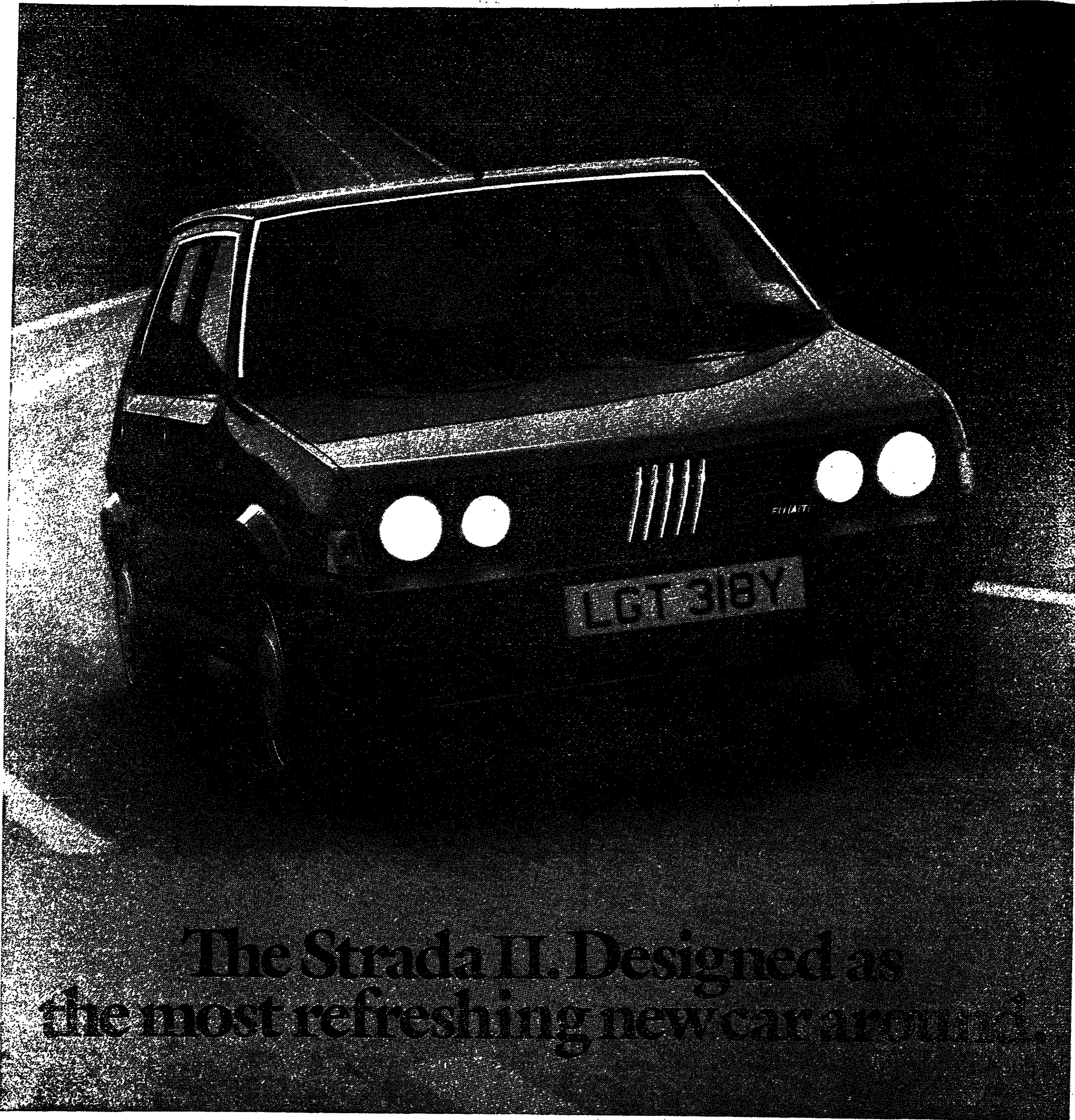
Hectic schedule

Worcestershire, who are to play two one-day games against Ireland on June 11 and 12, have changed to two days of play for their County Championship match with Surrey next week in order to catch a flight to Dublin.

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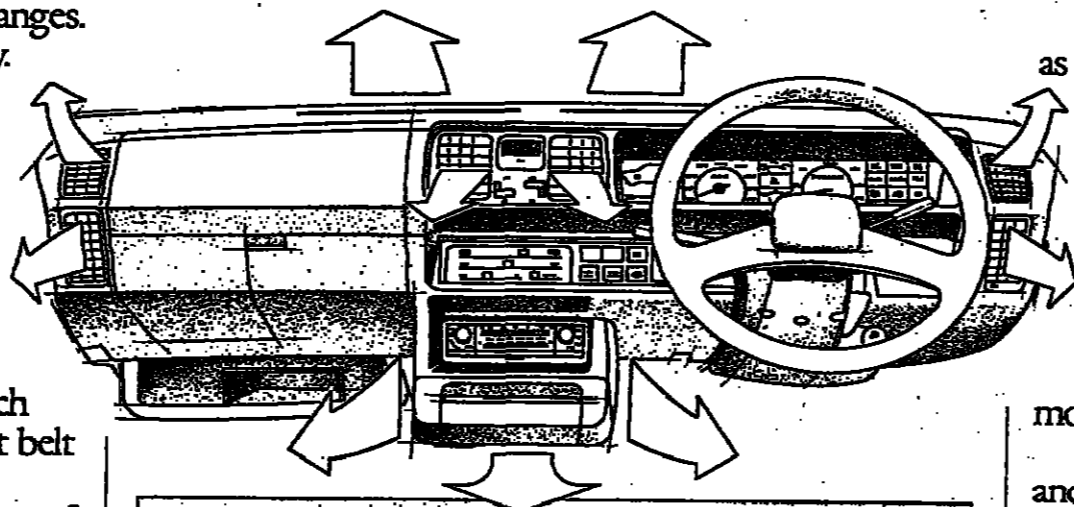
BASEBALL: AMERICAN LEAGUE: California Angels 6, New York Yankees 5. NATIONAL LEAGUE: St. Louis Cardinals 5, Philadelphia Phillies 4.

The following results from Thursday did not appear in yesterday's early editions: CRICKET: BANSON AND HOGAN CUP: GANTERBURY: Kent 188 for 5, Hampshire 183 for 9 (V P Terry, T C G Gwatkin 60). Kent Other batsmen: G. Gwatkin 60, A. Turner 40, J. G. Gwatkin 40, J. G. Gwatkin 40.



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RACING: THE OAKS AT EPSOM

Alexandrie to provide classic French encore

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

The contention that the best three-year-old fillies are prior to those trained in England this year will be put to rest again at Epsom today in the Oaks. Victories for Gallic challengers in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket and the 1,000 Guineas at The Marsh have already pointed to it being so. I am looking to Alexandrie to further fuel the feeling by being Alec and Freddie Head's first taste of success in this particular classic which they are within an inch of winning a year ago with Dancing said.

With Smuggly since winning the Prix Saint Alary, and Escaline the Prix Vanteaux, there is an unquestionable thread of good sense running through that form. When the Heads were just foaled in 1978 it was by a filly trained by Michael Stoute. Now Stoute has another fancied contender in the shape of the 1,000 Guineas runner-up, Royal Heroine. In this instance, though, I take the view that Sun Princess, who is a much more stoutly bred filly, could be the one to cause the French connexion most anxiety. With Lypheor and Grey Sovereign close up in Royal Heroine's pedigree, there must be a doubt about her being as good over a mile and a half as she unquestionably is over a mile. Furthermore, the Guinness result might just have flattered her, because both Favoridge and Habini were clearly at the end of their tether.

In contrast to Royal Heroine, Sun Princess looks certain to last out today's race really well, as she is by an Irish Derby winner, out of a mare by a French Derby winner. Furthermore, she can handle soft going. But to fancy Sun Princess to finish second to Alexandrie yet have to fly in the face of the form book because Sun Princess was beaten two lengths by Ski Sailing at Newbury at a difference of 3lb. This I am prepared to do because that was Sun Princess's first race of the season, whereas Ski Sailing had been out once before. And Sun Princess definitely looked in need of a race that day. Breeding experts feel that there is an element of doubt about Ski Sailing quite lasting it out this afternoon, because she is by a son of Raja Baba, who is a fast influence in the United States as opposed to being renowned for stamina strains, and out of a mare who won over five furlongs. For all that, Ski Sailing remains Barry Hills' preferred choice in its latest quest to end the ill luck that has dogged him in the Oaks. Cormorant Wood, his second string, is at least guaranteed to see the race out to the bitter end, having been runner-up to that talented Irish filly Give Thanks in the Oaks trial at Lingfield, albeit five lengths adrift.

The running of Cartingford Castle in the Derby endorsed the view that Give Thanks is good. Cormorant Wood will be ridden by Lester Piggott who now needs only one more classic winner in this country to equal Frank Buckle's record of 27. With the Derby and the Coronation Cup in the bag already, this week Piggott is chasing a big race treble rarely achieved. Acclimatise was a good filly last year, but her solitary race at York this season offered no encouragement that she was well run better than she did in the 1000 Guineas because she was one degree under that day, and returned home with all sorts of coughs, colds and diseases. By Auction Ring out of a mare by So Blessed, Tennis Penn is just bred to finish as she did at York in the Ebbisham Handicap. In this instance, though, Salvia, Miss Thames and High Calorie will prove tough opposition, especially High Calorie with Piggott aboard.

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Sun Princess chasing a third Oaks success for Dick Hern

Shore Line, whose full sister won the Park Hill Stakes over a mile and three quarters at Doncaster, looks just the type to be running on strongly and perhaps seeking a place, by outstaying those with stamina limitations. Whether she quite has the class of Alexandrie and Sun Princess is another matter, though. What is certain is that she will run better than she did in

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Time for Jones to show his ankles can stand the strain

By Pat Batchelor

High Jones, who has not read a marathon since his triumph in last year's London event, will discover this afternoon just how much his process has been restricted by a succession of injuries. There may be a clue as to why the victors have brought such a powerful team for an early season fixture with the inclusion of Nikolai Politko in the Soviet delegation. It was reported a month ago that Politko had been sacked from his post as chief coach because of disappointing results following the Moscow Olympics when his athletes won 15 gold medals. They won only six golds in Athens at the European Championships. A crushing victory may well have altered Politko's fortunes, but whatever the case, home pride will be banking firmly on Sebastian Coe to win the showpiece event, the Emsley Carr Mile.

Peter Elliott, in the 800 metres, should also consolidate his accession to one of the most exclusive clubs in the world - the British middle distance elite. It is not the sort of club which excites women. It is simply that there are not any women good enough to join. But what an opportunity they have against the three Soviet women who have done 1min 57sec or better this season in the 800 metres.

Two British women competing in longer events, Wendy Sly and Chris Bennett, also have the impetus of competing against the current world record holders in their races. British team which is only a skeleton of the one that will go to the World Championships. After reasonable results in Ratzburg last week, the British men's heavyweight squad will be hungry for their first victories of the season in the Nottingham International Regatta at Holme Pierrepont this weekend. The organizers have worked hard to attract eight overseas countries with world class crews, and the event will be a real test of their mettle. The Australian heavyweight eight designate, who broke the course record at Ratzburg, will race as two fours and an eight over the weekend. The exceptional Swiss world champion coxed four split into two fours today, and re-assembled on Sunday. The world finalist single sculler, Hans Swanson of Sweden, has entered the single sculls event, and his opposition includes the new Australian bid, Kim McLaren, and British rower Steve Redgrave, who reached the final in Ratzburg. Six of the Oxford University Boat Race eight appear in small boats. Rankov and Yonge are in one of the British coxed fours in their bid to gain their first international vests. The British men's heavyweight and lightweight squads continue to experiment in their quest to achieve the right blend for the world championships in August/September. The men's heavyweights appear in pairs and fours, but not as a 275 quintet in winning their five games. The party was accompanied by the British women's team, led by Evans, and discussions for a visit to Wales took place, although next season is already fully booked.

Romania accept invitation to repel boarders

By David Hands

Romania will make a short tour of England during autumn 1984 after an official invitation made to them by Derek Morgan, manager of the England Rugby Union, at the end of their visit to Romania last month. The Romanians, who have toured Ireland, Wales and Scotland during the last four years, were delighted to accept. It is expected that they will play three or four matches, culminating in a game at Twickenham against an England side. It has yet to be decided whether full caps will be awarded for the game - that decision may be taken by the Rugby Union's annual meeting next month - though there is a strong feeling that Romania have proved themselves worthy of the honour previously denied the Fiji and the Americans when they played an England XV. Scotland awarded caps to the team which played Romania in 1981 and Wales will do so when they visit Bucharest for an international in November. Several Romanian club sides have toured to England over the last three years, but their national side has played only once, against Leicester, at the end of their tour to Ireland in 1979. It is possible that, at the same time as Romania visit England, a Spanish party will visit Wales after the successful visit of the Welsh B squad to Spain last month, during which Wales scored 275 points in winning their five games. The party was accompanied by the Welsh A squad, led by Evans, and discussions for a visit to Wales took place, although next season is already fully booked.

Irwin looks for breaks Pilots with high hopes

By Adrianne Blue

David Irwin was one of the first names that the Lions selectors wrote down when choosing the team for today's first international against New Zealand at Christchurch. For just a few men the tour has gone well and Irwin is one of this lucky band. The centre from the Istonians club, in Belfast, said: "I have been pleased with my part in the build-up to the international. It was disappointing to lose in my first game in England over the last year, but we played well in the half and I had delight in scoring a try." It was an effort which had the selectors and crowd showing approval as Irwin slipped through the New Zealand cover to score. "The win against Wellington last week was a great experience. We kept their backs down to use a try and score one goal. Even when we played below par this week against Mid-Canterbury we prevented their scoring tries." Irwin's emphasis on the tries his team scores and the tries he prevents sums up his role. At inside centre he has to make a variety of tackles and also decide whether to give the ball to the scrum or to the Lions are on the attack.

Britons to show the way

By Adrianne Blue

Four British riders mounted on works machines can be expected to dominate the blue ribbon formula one and classic races in the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy races which begin today. This year's racing is an almost entirely British affair. So far as the Japanese factories are concerned, the most important of the long-festivals is today's formula one over six laps of the 3.7 mile mountain course. The outright lap record holder, Joey Dunlop, of Ulster, is in form and fresh from a double victory in the rain-soaked North West 200, rides the fast 800cc V4 works Honda. Dunlop, a fine but nervous rider, tends to accomplish all or nothing at the TT. His lap record of 19min 37.2sec (115.40 mph) has stood since 1973's Classic. Roger Marshall, of Lincolnshire, his lanky team mate on the same aluminium-framed machine, has far less experience of the course, but on the mountain experience counts. Their chief rival, the leper 980cc Suzuki, are ridden by Mick Grant and Rob McEneaney, the latter's machine built in Lincolnshire. Ron Haslam, whose great prize commitments keep him from racing on the island this year, won last year's formula one race. The first sidecar race follows the formula one today. The favourite are Mick Boddiey and Trevor Iress, both racing 700cc Yamaha.

Rest of the Epsom programme

Table listing various horse races including the 1000 Guineas, 2000 Guineas, and other events.

Drumalis the pick for Italian prize

Drumalis (Steve Causton) and Beldale Concorde (Paul Cook) can be expected to finish in the top two of the 2,000 Guineas, without enjoying the best of luck in running. Beldale Concorde returned to Italy for his latest start, and best one of tomorrow's rivals, Olyfor Storm, by two lengths in the 1,000 Guineas. In Rome, Best of their nine opponents could be Bold Ram (Gianfranco Dettoni) and Hitchcock (Sergio Dettoni).

Haydock called off

Today's Haydock Park meeting was cancelled because parts of the course were waterlogged. Yesterday's meeting was also lost. This has the final number of Flat meetings lost this season to 33.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1

- Open University: Villa Farnesina; 6.50 History of Maths; 7.15 Telephone Switching; 7.40 Oxidative Phosphorylation.
International Rugby Special: New Zealand v the British Isles, in the First Test in Christchurch; 8.35 Get Set for Orange Juice.
Film: Destination Moon (1959). Space drama, exciting when it was made, but heavily dated now. With John Archer.
Grandstand: The line-up is -12.35 International Rugby Union (New Zealand v British Isles); 1.05 Boxing (action from the Royal Albert Hall); 1.55 Haydock Racing; 2.10 News; 2.20 Sports; 2.30 Two-Four Challenge (from Donington); 2.30 Haydock Racing; 2.45 Moto-Cross (Subaru Moto-Cross Challenge) from Newbury.
Haydock Racing (the 3.10); 3.20 Moto-Cross (cont); 3.35 Haydock Racing (from Gaunt Stables); 3.55 Tennis (French Open Championship - the Women's Singles Final, from Paris) and further coverage of Moto-Cross; 5.00 Film: Scars.
News with Jan Leeming; 5.20 Sports round-up.
Blake's Seven: Space adventures, with the Liberator crew facing monsters and volcanic eruptions. First of 13 episodes (1).
The Keith Harris Show: Includes a song from Russell Grant, the Broadest Time astrologer, other guests include Modern Romance, and the Acromaniacs.
Pop Quiz: Bob Geldof and Midge Ure captain the teams made up of Jon Moss (Culture Club), Tom Bailey (Thompson Twins), and Trace and Paul Young (Family). With Mike Read as MC.
Film: Chapered Flag of Flesh (1976). Adventure movie, with Larry Hagman (J. R. in Dallas) promoting a 1,000-mile, three-day motor race. Director Alan Gibson.
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Dynasty: There is a disastrous outcome when Steven gets a lift to a driver.
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TV-am

- 8.25 Good Morning Britain: Includes news at 6.25, 7.00, 8.00 and 8.30; sport after 7.15; Guest celebrity: It's Roger Moore, the Screen's James Bond. 8.11 Pamela Stephenson interview; Jackie Genova and Aerobics at 8.32; Data Run (for the youngsters) at 8.40. With Junior, the post Roger Moore, and the results of the I! Were Prime Minister competition. And a cartoon, Space Ghost. Ends at 9.25.

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- 9.25 LWT information: quick guide to what's on in the area; 9.30 Sesame Street with The Muppets; 10.30 No 7: cartoons, pop music, and clips from films like Return of the Jedi.
12.15 World of Sport. The line-up is: 12.20 Motor Racing (33 drivers in the Indianapolis 500); 12.55 On the Ball: look back at the football week; 1.15 News.
1.20 Tania: (The final of the Norwich Union Masters, from Kingston, Jamaica); 1.40 Epsom racing; 1.45 Golf: Third round of the Silk Cut Open, from Chesham; 1.55 News; 2.10 Epsom racing; 2.15 Golf: Third round of the Silk Cut Open, from Chesham; 2.20 News; 2.30 Sports round-up.
4.00 Golf: Back to the Silk Cut Masters, from Chesham; 4.55 Results; 5.05 News; 5.15 The Smurfs; 5.30 Happy Days: Chachi learns that his mother has been dating a mysterious stranger.
6.00 The Fall Guy: Part 2 of Col's Outlaws. It takes a Sherman tank to set free Col's outlaws, called by Jon Moss (Culture Club), Tom Bailey (Thompson Twins), and Trace and Paul Young (Family). With Mike Read as MC.
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Fascinating Alda (Dillie Keane, Marilyn Cuts, Liz Richardson). Stop the Week Radio 4, 7.20pm.

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University (until 3.10). Begins with Evolution of Man, ends with Modern Art; 6.50 News; 7.10 Film: Corvo (1940). Second World War drama with Clive Brook as a naval captain beset by problems, operational and domestic; Co-starring John Clements, Edward Grouce, Judy Campbell. Director: Pen Tennyson.
4.35 I Was Monty's Double (1958). M E Clifton-James stars as both the actor who impersonated Monty and as the field-marshal himself. The plan is to fool the Germans during the North Africa campaign. With John Mills.
6.15 States of Mind: Dr Thomas Szasz, winner of the American Humanist Association's 'Humanist of the Year' award, talks to Jonathan Miller. He argues that madness has been misrepresented as a disease enabling psychiatrists to tyrannise the mentally unstable in the name of philanthropy.
7.05 News. And sports round-up.
7.20 L for Lester: Driving school comedy with Brian Murphy who tonight realises how many people depend on him for their living (1).
7.50 A Passion for Churches: Sir John Betjeman's praise of the glories of the Anglican Church.
8.40 Cameo: Wildlife film about the west coast of Ireland (1).
8.50 The Levin Interviews: New series begins. Mr Levin talks to the violinist Isaac Stern, the first recipient of the Aldeburgh Schwetzer Music Award for 'a life dedicated to music and devoted to humanity.'
9.20 Film International: Closely Observed Trains (1965) dir. Manza's gentle black comedy stars Vasily Nesterov as an apprentice platform guard during the German occupation of Czechoslovakia. Co-starring Jilka Bendova and Vladimir Vlasov. With English sub-titles.
10.40 Newsnight Campaign '83. Another compilation of reports from the hustings.
11.20 Dave Brubeck Live at the Village: Concert given by the jazz pianist, in California. He is supported by Randy Johnson (percussion), Clint Brubeck (bass and trombone) and Jerry Bergonzi (sax). Ends at 12.25am.

CHANNEL 4

- 2.15 Power Play: The studio council discuss an imaginary health commission recommendation urging the local inspectorate to close down a local plant.
2.40 Film: The Great Waltz (1939). Highly imaginative, but musically heavy and visually ravaging movie about the life and loves of Johann Strauss. Starring Ferdinand Gregor, Luisa Rainer and Miliza Korjus. Director: Jilka Bendova.
4.35 On Your Marks: Includes coverage of the Harford BMX Indoor Open Championships.
5.05 Brookside: Two repeated episodes (1).
6.00 Square Peg: American high school comedy series. The scandalous campaign for a new school mascot.
6.30 Opinions: The Falklands issue, with John Ogdan, Philip Madoc, Jane Asher. Episode 1 (1).
6.40 New Songs of Praise: Chloë Thoma Hird with requested hymns.
7.15 King of the Scots: The drama-serial about a Scots family of whisky distillers goes into a new series, with the old cast intact. Tonight a whole new year.
8.05 Yes Minister: Intelligent Whitehall farce, with Paul Eddington as the minister and Nigel Hawthorne as his wily PPS. Tonight: the plan for more top worn Civil Servants (1).
8.35 The Hit Show: New dancing show with songs and comedy sketches. Star of the show is Wayne Sleep. His company includes Bonnie Langford and Fiona Hughes.
9.05 Party Election Broadcast: by the SDP/Liberal Alliance. 9.15 News.
9.30 The Life with Esther Rantzen and Co.
10.15 Evermore: No Longer Strangers. The spiritual impact of Wales on Donald Alchin, Canon of Canterbury Cathedral.
10.50 Fred: First of eight films featuring Fred Dibnah, factory-chimney demolisher and steam engine lover (1).
11.20 Inside Women's Magazines: The changing face of these publications from the 18th century to the 20th. First of five films (1).
11.45 The Sky at Night: Speckles of Light. Patrick Moore interviews Prof Alcock, Director of the Royal Greenwich Observatory. Herstoncous; 12.05 Weather forecast.
12.10 Close: with Stan Phillips.

BBC 1

- 6.25 Open University (until 8.55) begins; 6.50 Mineralization in Cornish; 7.15 Healthy computing; 7.40 Wave-Particle Paradox; 8.05 Space and Time; 8.30 Colour Photography.
9.00 Pigeon Street: for the kiddies; 9.15 Knock Knock: The story of the 1665 plague in Eyam, Derbyshire; 9.30 This is the TV set: This is the workshop of all denominations.
10.00 Asian Magazine: including an election special; 10.30 Music in the Classroom: technology in our schools (1); 10.50 Multi-Cultural Education: multi-cultural education; 11.20 1984-85: Britain's 8th anniversary (1); 11.45 Weekend Wanderer: sewing for a living (1).
12.10 The Skill of Lip-Reading: 12.35 See Hear Election Special: polling advice for the hard of hearing; 1.00 Filings: The Past Admits shapes of yesterday (1); 1.20 News.
1.55 Film: The Banquet Costanza (1954) Humphrey Bogart as the fading Hollywood director who turns a flamenco dancer (Ava Gardner) into a star. Director: Joseph L. Mankiewicz.
4.00 Alias Smith and Jones: comedy western (1); 4.50 Holiday on Ice: Fun, skill and music; from Zurich; 5.40 News.
5.50 Hawkmoor: BBC Wales five-part serial about the 18th century folk hero Tom Swin. Co-st. With John Ogdan, Philip Madoc, Jane Asher. Episode 1 (1).
6.40 New Songs of Praise: Chloë Thoma Hird with requested hymns.
7.15 King of the Scots: The drama-serial about a Scots family of whisky distillers goes into a new series, with the old cast intact. Tonight a whole new year.
8.05 Yes Minister: Intelligent Whitehall farce, with Paul Eddington as the minister and Nigel Hawthorne as his wily PPS. Tonight: the plan for more top worn Civil Servants (1).
8.35 The Hit Show: New dancing show with songs and comedy sketches. Star of the show is Wayne Sleep. His company includes Bonnie Langford and Fiona Hughes.
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9.30 The Life with Esther Rantzen and Co.
10.15 Evermore: No Longer Strangers. The spiritual impact of Wales on Donald Alchin, Canon of Canterbury Cathedral.
10.50 Fred: First of eight films featuring Fred Dibnah, factory-chimney demolisher and steam engine lover (1).
11.20 Inside Women's Magazines: The changing face of these publications from the 18th century to the 20th. First of five films (1).
11.45 The Sky at Night: Speckles of Light. Patrick Moore interviews Prof Alcock, Director of the Royal Greenwich Observatory. Herstoncous; 12.05 Weather forecast.
12.10 Close: with Stan Phillips.

TV-am

- 7.15 Rub-a-Dub-Tub: for the very young; Stories, a poem, cartoons, etc; And, at 8.15, Good Morning Britain. Includes news at 7.15, 8.30 and 9.00; Sport at 8.15; Sunday papers review at 8.15, plus guest celebrity; Political gossip at 8.35; Books spot at 8.45 and 9.00; Closedown at 9.25.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT information: What's on, where, in the London area; 9.30 Oswald: A lesson in fielding from Brian Rose and the men of Somerset; 10.00 Morning Worship: from Leamington Road Baptist Church, Blackbury; 11.00 Getting On advice for the non-graduate; 11.30 The Story: Moses, the Prince, With Paul Copley (1); 11.45 Cartoon.
12.00 Weekend World: Mrs Thatcher is interviewed by Brian Walden.
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00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers.
15 Sport at 4.
58 Week-end Holiday and leisure. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
00 News.
05 News Stand.
09 Campaign Forum.
20 Daily Service (1).
45 Pick of the Week (1).
58 From Our Own Correspondent.
00 News.
27 The News Quiz (1); 12.55 Weather.
00 News.
10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping.
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35 Thirty-Minute Theatre 'The Token Two' by A. S. Robertson. With John Grieve and Paul Young (1).
35 On the Chiving Gum Trail (the Mays of Chiving).
1.00 Wildlife.
1.20 Current Affairs: Environmental issues.
1.00 News.
1.00 International Assignment.
1.30 Do or Die: The Sugar? Magazine for the disabled.
1.00 So You Want To Be A Writer (6) It's a Nigerian and Robert Sharpe Johnson. Last of three piano recitals.
1.25 Injury Time (1); 5.50 Shipping Forecast; 5.55 Weather; Travel.
6.00 News; Sports Round-up.
5.25 Desert Island Discs (1) Raymond Briggs.
7.20 Stop The Week With Robert Robinson. With music by Fascinating Alda (1).
1.00 Richard Baker (1).

Radio 3

- 8.30 Saturday Night Theatre: 'When Edna Dies' by Ivor Novello. With Nicholas and Geoffrey Banks (1); 8.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Wales Entertains: Humour and Music of Wales. The host is Stan Stannett (1).
11.00 Lighten Our Darkness. An evening meditation.
11.15 Afternoon Recital: With Margaret Howard.
11.30 Election Platform.
12.00 News; Weather; 12.25-12.32 Shipping Forecast; 12.35-12.42 News; VHF as above except: 6.25-6.58 News; Weather; Travel; 8.57-9.00 News.
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8.05 John Handel arr. Beethoven. Poulenc; Mendelssohn (Violin concerto in E minor, played by Kyung-Wha Chung) recast.
9.00 Record Review, including Bach's Goldberg Variations (1).
10.15 The Pianist: 11. Wednesday: Falla; Strauss (we hear the Metamorphosis).
11.20 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: 12.10 Concert: part 2: Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 5).
1.00 News.
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2.00 Nonesuch: Robert Simpson introduces a performance on records of Nielsen's opera Saul and David (Acts 1 & 2).
3.20 The Chiving Gum: cycle of poems about Wales.
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Radio 1

- 6.00 Wake up to the Weekend, with Adrian John. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Gary Davies. 2.00 Peter Dinklage. 3.00 King in New York with Jonathan King. 2.05 Suzi Quatro 4.00 Saturday Live 1. 5.00 In Concert featuring The Style Council. 7.30 James Lovell. 10.00 Gary Davies. VHF RADIOS 1 and 2. 5.00am with Radio 2. 1.00pm with Radio 2.

World Service

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